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Porto Rico Oct 20th 1856

This morning Land Ho was sung out from the Mast Head and it proved to be the long talked of Carriacou once more where we all expect to get liberty and have a good time again. Land is now plain in sight. The Captain has ordered his Boat crew and has gone in to see if they can get any ships to take home the sperm oil, and right also we have to send. This is the same port we had liberty in last season on our way to the Hornet.

Oct 21st

The Boat came back this morning with bad news only one ship in at Kilo and that was a French Barque so we shall get no liberty here. Now we are going to see if we cannot send the Oil home from old Kooka. Once more all sail set - Studing sail to and a good fresh breeze making about right - Knot

Oct 22nd

The Breeze has died away and it is nearly a dead calm with land not two miles off on each side. Kilo and Carriacou. The distance from Kilo to Kooka is 160 miles, some 20 hours sail with an ordinary breeze but in a dead calm like this we shall not get there in weeks. I am very anxious for I want to hear from the home very much. I have already written several letters to mine & thank for different members of the crew. The cables are strung around Deck all ready at a moment warning to let the anchors drop. Some of the old tars are sitting up on the monkey rail whistling with all their might trying to

Barque Paltie Oct 23rd 1856

raise a breeze as yet it is in vain.

Oct 23rd

This ^{morning} light cat paws drifting us along
our knot in an hour and travelling
last season in 18 hours, after leaving
Keila in my laying off and on
at Mocha. This season because we are
all in a hurry to get there it seems
as if we must. The Captain
expects to find his wife in Oahu consequently
is looking as smiling as a basket of fish
all hands myself included hope the wife
disappointed. For from all accounts she will
not be a very pleasant ship mate

Oct 24

I am happy to say the island of Mocha
was quite plain ^{with} the middle watch
last night ^{which} was ours. And this morning
we are nearly under the right mountain
of this celebrated island. The prospect
now seems to be fair at present for
us to drop our anchor ^{by 2 PM}
provided the breeze continues.

Oct 25th

Last night about 10 PM we let
the anchor go and now we are
safely lying but a few fathoms from
Lahina the largest town in this
island with the exception of Honolulu.
This morning we were very busy raising
cables ashore to fill with powder &
water. Lahina is quite pretty kind
of place the streets are broad and
regular and well lined with large
shady trees. They need them for it is
the hottest place I ever saw
You cannot look in any direction
but what you see ~~see~~ forget in
an immense quantity. I have eaten
so much I expect it will make me sick

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Bartholomew Oct 16th 1836

Oct 16th To day on an evening up painting ship
as there is a merchant ship here taking
oil and Bone but she cannot take
me until the first of next week
and we cannot get our letters
until we go down at Oahu which
will be at least 2 weeks. The Starboard
watch gets ashore tomorrow. I expect
to see a happy set of fellows in the
evening for this is the first port
my ship has been in at this season
has few sold in

Oct 17th

Part of the crew are sick to day (or rather
our watch) fresh beef, Pork & Potatoes. Fresh
& brat mutton, Bananas, Oranges &c have
done them too much. The best mutton
I ever tasted I have eaten here. We have
awakened all over the ship and still
it is not enough to roast porpoises
All Keenans are obliged to sleep in Deck
I was sleeping very sound last night
up on the Loggallapt fore castle Deck along
with my friend Jack Baldwin
about 12 o'clock the old man Drifts
along up to us. and he said now
say to Charley what are you doing up
there. says I - sleeping Sir - I see you
was. get below and if you get sick
I will give you a pint of Salt and
I shall see that you drink them.
I have taken 3 messes and I don't want
any more. Our watch gets ashore
on the morrow. it seems Sunday here
are no further here than any other
day. As soon as the Drums beats which
is at 7 P.M. all white men that have
not got a pass from the Harbor
Master are obliged to have the
back and be about of their

Port N. B. Oct 28th 1836

Oct 28th of the ship they belong to. an man came on
on the island after the Drum beats
is taken by the British and put in
fort. Our men all came off the me
has soon as the Drum struck and some
of them were little boys some young
but they were the Old man said the
sawest watch that had come on
board from a ship Liberty in many
a day in that port. He was of
hoping the port and watch would
do half as well.

Oct 29th

While the Larboard Watch have been ashore
and seen the lights and all are on board
of the ship again but I am sorry to say
they have not behaved as well as the Starboard
did some of them did not get on board
until after 10 P.M. kept the Officers and
Old man waiting for they never eat
until all hands were on board. Most
sorry and in the watch was Drunk. One
of the Boatstern got sent forward for
fighting with the Old mate. And
the old Nick was to pay for all the
Old man has said nothing as yet but
I expect tomorrow when they get sober
they will have to take it.

Oct 30th

The Old man looks as cross as a bear
as this morning. He says this will be
the last day liberty the watch will
get very soon. The Boatstern tried to
get off again but the Old man
told him he could not come off
again. and if he ever came
an Officer aboard of his ship again
he would kick him overboard
on and all the way. Making out
oil to day in the lower whole.

Barth Balle Oct 31st 1836

31st getting ready to pass it aboard of the
Merchantmen, while ashore I got somewhat
acquainted with William Butler only
son of Isaac Butler of Pokipsu who
keeps a low grog shop here in
Sakine. They have a kind of Beer here
it tastes some like spiced but is
called Tobacco Beer a person to drink
4 glasses of it they will be so drunk
they wont know their own name
The weather is terribly hot and I wish
me more out at sea again

Nov 1st
To day we have been busy casting our
Whale line, on board of the Merchant
Ship they have 1340 pounds of our bone
to take home I wish I was going
with the bone

Nov 2nd
All day rafting oil. it is mighty
hard work. first hoisting it out
of our lower Hope. and then sur-
ring it down on the Raft - and then
pulling it half a mile on the Merchant
men and then hoisting it up on
a 1500 ton ship it is no good of
a job

Nov 3rd
We have finished Rafting oil. we
put some 500 lbs on the Mer-
chantmen to go home. Tomorrow
Starbuck goes to Liberty again
for the last time in Meha the
old man says he will give us
the rest of our liberty in Oahu he
is very cautious to get this so as
to see his wife. I sincerely hope
they may be disappointed and that God
will think it is no place for a
woman on board of a Whale ship

Part 18 Baltic Nov 1836

4th The Watch etc put off m' gay spirits
this morning and came off as usual
5th The judges and all at the right time

Again the Larboard Watch. have raised
the old Nick & of them got a little drunk
and put to the old man for this
Discharge he would not give it
to them the consequence was they
abused him badly and all return
two others are in the fort. and
he has Discharged 16 that spiked
to for only one spoon, upon the
Norwest I and the whole Larboard
Watch now the old man says he
will have them & more if it costs
him \$5000, one of the & was our
French cook we have had
6th Cooking now.

We are all ready to sail for Copenhagen
but cannot for we have not
got men enough. Four out of the
& have been caught but we
have just heard I hope if
is not far for I pity them if they
have to come on board
they are caught 4 of them and
dragged aboard a m' Irons. hauled
up from the boat with a rope
around their heads. after getting
them on Deck the old mate
flogged one of them and run
long sticks through their legs
and compelled them to sit
in the heat sun in this manner
for 2 or 3 hours they had to
stay just as they were
unable to move hand or foot

Bark Baltic Nov 7th 1836

Last night we weighed anchor
and set sail for Honolulu Oahu
without our gunner and the cook and
the Down Easter too as good men
as we have on the Baltic. The
Old man has to give them up as
a bad job. I want to get in
and hear from home once more
it seems an age since I got a
letter from my Mother. How many times
we recollect those that word calls up
alas what if I should have no
Mother now. How well I remember
the last time I saw her. I wish
I could see her now as I did then
when she handed me my Carpet
Bag and bid me farewell. I little
thought then I should ever be in
this part of the world. But man
proposes and God disposes

The watch was called earlier than
usual and I asked the reason of it
and they told me the old man had
gone ashore. A long pull they will
have for Honolulu must be nearly
30 miles off. We expect the boat back
again this afternoon and then all
hands will get their letters

9th
At last we have come to and anchor
out side of the reef. And the Boat
has got back with the letters. I got
one from Mother and in the whole
the news more good. and I was
very happy to hear from home once
more. After fueling the sails. all under
the old Mate's call I live of us myself
among the number and must ashore

Balt. Nov 11th 1856

10th I was ashore all day yesterday
went up to the Sailors Home got
dinner there I think it's a very
fine place, they have a large Trading
Room with newspapers from most
all parts of the world. Underneath
the Home is Father Danvers Office is
the Chaplain for the poor Sailors. Many
of our crew got several books
from Father Danvers all of a
Religious nature

11th I was ashore again today and
saw the King of the Danish Islands
He was quite looking young may
and has a white mustache. Saw the
Lure with a clergy of 300 for dinner

12th We are making preparations to get
under way. I shall not be sorry
when we get out of sight of land
again, and we get on regular sea
fare.

13th We weighed our anchor to our
ships, bows last night and are now
steering for Bowmont with a good
fresh breeze and are flying the
British flag at the rate of 8 knots
We had a very severe squall strike
us this afternoon. We closed up all
sails except the topsails and put
the ship before the wind, until it
passed over. The old man shipped four
Spanish boys in at a shot for able
seamen. And they do not know anything
The old mate makes them fly right
around the deck.

Port P. Baltic Nov 14th 1856

14th We found straight for New Zealand
still steering S.E. with a very strong
breeze and carrying all sail. I feel
like a new man again since we have
got out to sea. Bro Quincy straightening
up the Old Mans Books for him. It will
take me several days before I can
finish up his. and I intend mending
the job as much as possible

15th The wind are at work in the rigging
and I am having fine easy time writing
in the Cabin. It still continues to blow
very hard. The topmast stay and topmast
-laid - sheet were carried away
last night in the middle watch. I
know nothing about it I have all night
in while fixing the old Mans Books
still continue to steer S.E. by.

16th The wind has hauled and we are
now steering full and by. I find
it most impossible to write for the
old man the ship rolls and pitches so

17th Everything on board now is got in a
shift shape style and all have a sea
sickness once more still head close
to the wind

18th My job is nearly done with in the
Cabin I have nothing more to do but
draw off each of the crews account
they are all questioning me to find
out how much they have had out
of the ship chest. My Bill Liberty
money and all is the same. Receiving the
same

Balt. Dec 10th 1856

I took out Mother's letter again last night and read it over. It was hardly seen. Gifford's letter is married. I supposed it must be so. We are steering a course again S.E. by S. The old man told me he was going in at one of the islands a few days south of the line for fruit. Wood & he carry provisions to get Pine Apples, Oranges, Cocoa Nuts & Bananas enough to feed all hands on for the next two months.

28th
I and a sailor again before the mast. My cabin business is over with. I took my trick at the wheel this morning for the first time since leaving Bilt. I took the latitude this noon we are within 3 degrees and four miles of the line, our consolation is Old Neptune cannot visit us again this in crossing. We poor good hands must through an awful shivering and tiring crossing fast time.

29th
The thrilling cry of three or four times was sung up from the mast head it was our watch below. The first thing I heard the familiar cry of all hands ahoy. I went by the B. G. to a school of Sperm Whales off the lee beam. We were all out of our bunkers in the tumbling of the sea. There on our bows and stern by the bows in less time than I take to write it, about 2 miles by bearing of the ship was a fine school of small sperm whales. Everything was heavily built and sleek but at last the old man came out over away and do not make any noise. The old mate had got

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2nd a new Boatster at Oahu a Ducky as
black as ink. who we expect can never
miss a whale as he has been Boatster for
the past five years. Well we burned away
from the ship as usual only making more
noise causing the old mate to growl like a
dog with a sore head. We set the sail
as soon as we got in the Boat four
large sail. It was a flowing pretty fresh
from the N.W. & E. and after the whales we
started at the rate of 10 knots. I sat
at the old mate's feet holding the
sheet, soon we got close to the whales
and the old mate making all kind
of yells. Said to the Boatster stand
up there stand up there you Black Hawk
up he jumped and soon we were on
top of one of these monsters of the Deep
but ~~threw~~ one of his Harpoons and miss-
ed it then the other neither touched the
whale. The Old Mate is by no means
an amiable man, ay! you may
depend he called the Ducky some
hard names; but the whale did not
seem to be gallied and after three
we started again, we got on top
of those whales 4 times and each time
Black Hawk darted his Harpoons and
missed each time. The Boatmen all
tried to keep out of the old mate's reach
for he was in a very rage, but one
of the crew got the lance pole over
his head pretty far some small
fawlt at ~~last~~ 3 P.M. in the afternoon
the second mate got on one of these whales
and the ~~other~~ ^{other} ~~stove~~ the Boat - Backly and
they did not fasten, but we got
at the whale again and Black Hawk
finally fastened to one of the whales

Baltic Dec 23rd 1856

but no sooner had the Harpoon gone
in to the whale than he sounded and
went down so swift as to take nearly
all the line. the old mate took blunts
around the larger head and held
on with all his might - the line parted
and the whale was loose from us
there was a flip. but the whale soon
came up on top of the water fighting
and roaring. we took our oars
and the old mate his large Bern gun
and we pulled up on the whale again
and he shot his Bern in him, which
caused him to roll and throw his head
and tail up in the air at an awful
rate. soon we heard the Bern got off
in the whale. the old mate sawed him
2 or 3 times and then he spouted up
the thick black blood some 15 feet up
in air. we knew he was as good as
a dead. in about an half an hour
time he turned up on his back and
gave up the ghost. we soon got him
along side of the ship and cut him
in the same night. we hoisted in his
2 ³/₄ fathoms head on deck

I was very tired when I turned in
last night - we had a heavy days
work yesterday no watch day for
our watch until 11 P.M. ship moving
we are busy cutting up the whale
head which contains the Spermaceti
the most valuable part of the whale
this Spermaceti is in what is called
a case in the middle of the whale
head. we take a piece and bail it
out. it looks as if it was water
and out of a large sperm whale
there is taken out of this case

Bartholomew Nov 24th 1856

24th fifty and sixty lbs of Spermicity.

We commenced trying out the Blubber last night, and we are a queer looking set of individuals. we shall finish in our midnight-match

25th We got all through last night and to day we are churning the oil off of the putrid grease and the ship. The whale made us 38 lbs we have stowed it all down in the lower hold and between decks. Everything now means its ordinary appearance! we are now in latitude 7 degrees South nearly under the sun and the decks are so hot you cannot lay your naked hands or feet upon them. The wind has nearly all died away, but what little there is, is right aft and we are steering South. Sail Ho was sung out from aloft this morning about 10 miles off on our weather bow. We pulled up to see if we could make out who she was but they kept off. Once more soon but off sight. First sail we have seen since leaving Port Black Hawk. We captured a Porpoise in our first water last night we got him in on Deck. Skinned and now he is strung up on the main stay all ready for the cook to operate on. I got today caught a large shark this is the first one of these animals we have ever caught. we hauled him on Deck and skinned him. The skin is very useful in making a seal. The mouth looked large enough to swallow a man whole

Port Bullie Apr 26th 1856

made it was our right - hours on Deck
last night and in the first match we
climbed up all the sails except the topsails
to keep them from flapping against the
masts as it was a dead calm
then most of us turned in at the lee
couppes (as usual) and slept until
right Bullie our watch blow. turned
in my bunk and had a sweet
dream. had not finished when I heard
the hoarse cry of Castilians Ahoy Heave
out there Bullie's & bells ringing the
whell and Lookouts. I did not
feel in a very good humor. After
getting on Deck I went to sleep on
the Monkey Rail. but the rain came
pouring down in torrents. and by the
time I got finally I woke up
After the shower I found myself
and in soon made all sail again
it kept bringing on until daylight and
then it had got to be quite a Gale
so that we were obliged to take in all
the lower sails it was my morning mast
head & I did not like getting up on
the Royal Mast when the wind was so bad
but the old Mate said nothing to the
contrary and up on it I got. I expect
every moment the whole mast would
be carried away. but it only cracked
and held until the squall was over
We have had a fine breeze and are
making our course S by E

Thurs 27th

Light winds, and squalls accompanying
the same of a storm so that the Spaniards
in our watch are no help at all to
us except in taking Whell it makes us
5 more party hard

Part of Baltic Nov 30 1856

Friday 30th We caught the trade again to day and have now got a spanking good breeze heading our course S by E

Sabbath
Same to day as regards the wind all hands are busy washing up their dirty clothes. Saturday is no day at all - for us to wash and mend our clothes, nothing else to do

Sund 30th
Hind George and are expecting very much to hear the cry of land. We sung out from 10 AM. it being in latitude 18° 36' and we are within 30 miles of this latitude, instead of land at last we was the cry about 8 miles on our weather bow. She soon ran down to us and proved to be the whaler ship, Albion New Bedford, which had made land & was running away from it thinking it would not be safe leaving off and on at Nuyt's take (or Nuyt's Bay as it is called). The Captain of the Albion came aboard of us. & as is usual the old mate with his boat crew went on board of the A. & staid all the afternoon had a very pleasant time. They are homeward bound I wish I was with them. came aboard at 7 P.M. of the Baltic.

Wed 1st
We have altered the course and are now heading East. S.E. for water with a good breeze. I was to the mast-head & sang out land. Oh. at 3 P.M. we hauled back the main yard & the Captain met with leaving orders with Mr Stevens to send in another boat in and home. I made up my mind to go & I did. it is a beautiful island literally covered with fruit. The women are as fine creatures

Porto Baltho Dec 3rd 1836

Went as usual I went down. The old man took
off to the pieces of Calico to trade for
fruit & sugar & pepper. we got some 30
lbs of Pine Apples, 75 bunches of Bananas
& any quantity of Oranges & Lemons &c
I should like to live there for a few
months. There is very few white people here
I believe it is all of

Dec 2nd

There has a gale of wind & strong accom-
panied with heavy rain. we were obliged
to reef topsails for the first time since
leaving the Whaling Ground. we are
pretty well out at sea today

Dec 3rd

Moderate Day last night in the
middle watch Squared the yards and
are standing in for land again
The old man must achieve & brought
a part of his Calico back & brought
what things he traded for & now we
are standing out to sea again. The
Calico he told me he is allowed 30cts
per yd for cost yet Pine Apples he gives
in trade 50cts per Bbl. Lemons 30cts a bush
Bananas 10cts a bunch. Oranges 15cts for
60

Thurs 4th Fine Breeze strong. S.S.W. The Ship is
nearly covered with fruit. in our afternoon
watch all of a sudden a black cloud
sprung up to the windward a few miles
(apparently) & soon a water spout the
old man discovered. he commenced
howling like a painter to take in sail
soon three spouts more and the ship
was kept on the other tack & I never
saw the Captain so frightened. He told
Mr. Stivers to load his gun and stand
by ready to fire his cannon in the ship
if it was likely to come near the ship

Barst Baltic Dec 1st 1836

there has Mr Stoves informed me that several
ships lost in these late terrible tempests by their
rotten Spouts if they strike a ship she is
most sure to be wrecked.

Thurs 5th

Very Dead calm. My mouth is very sore
eating so many Pine Apples.

Fri 6th

I am glad each day has come around
more. I have that confounded tooth
ache again to day. I wonder if I am always
to be troubled with my teeth.

Sun 7th

Sabbath day all sailor men are glad to
see come around. Each man shows marks
put on clean clothes and then lay around
Deck reading, those that are not able
to read. Those that can read loud
for them. My teeth still continue aching
We have several Monrovia Ducks on board
the only ones I ever saw before here at
the White Sulphur Springs Va. I then
thought they were the oddest looking
things I ever saw

Mon 8th

The Breeze very strong. Press down nothing
lower than. which each watch have to do
twice a week. It is done in order to keep
the lower Deck cool so that the casks that
hold oil shall not burst.

Tues 9th

Been making up old foretop sail in our
forenoon watch. Our forecabin is made
half full of rotten Pine Apples. My teeth
have discontinued their ache. and I have
a face as large as a side of a barn.
I had a curious dream in last quorum
watch below. which I cannot refrain from
committing to paper. I dreamt it was
and was waiting for my sheet to

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to come up from the City on the Freight Train
while waiting I dropped in at the Post Office
where my Mother came in the Office to mail
a letter to me at Concord. She saw me and
after many embraces she had me go home
which I was very loathe to do as I had
nothing on but my old sailor suit but
I went. I know you had a long pull to
go up. And while getting up the hill I
thought it was nothing but a dream
and told Mother so. and she said no
here I saw flesh and blood. I felt her
and I thought very perceptibly. And was
convinced I was not in the land of nod
when one of the Starboard Watch came
down for my Palm. It took him a long
time to make me and great deal longer
to convince me I was not with my
Mother. So ended my dream. but before
we got up that Hill she gave me much
good advice. and it seems as if I could
recollect every word

Thursth

Wednesday nothing occurring worthy of note
Thursday Friday. The wind has changed
and we are now right before the
wind is blowing strong. caught several
Albions under the Bow this we found
weighed 10 lbs & are an excellent eating
fish. There was a large man of war
Hawk came down on Deck, he the sun
last night in strong at the fellow
must have broken his neck but he
opened his mouth and found a very
large flying fish stuck in his throat
which had probably stopped him so that
he could fly no longer. He laid
on Deck a few minutes waiting then
spied his large & magnificent wings
up in high

Burr Baltic Dec 16th 1856

16th - Been busy all my afternoon patching
my chest & curing my outfit

About 6 and this morning I commenced raining
and blowing and I do not recollect if ever
experiencing a colder storm. I helped to
both of the tallant-gallant sails gaff top sail
spanker flying jib. I was scatted through & through
it continued blowing fresher until we must
below & then the other ^{masts} were obliged to close reef top sail
furl the courses & jib. Haul out the spencer & lay
to under storm staysail & close reef top sails. It all
day Sunday & Monday we had quarters watches. which
shifts all 4 sailor men. She was heading about south
we were steering close to the wind

Tues 18th

We commenced making sail this morning
and we have now all sail made once more
& we are going along at the rate of 7 knots
with a fresh head wind heading S.E. or our
course should be S.E. & E

Wed 17th

The wind has howled about two points & we are
now heading South. with a good breeze. we
have been busy sorting our potatoes to day in
the fore hold. At 11 o' clock with this our Black Hawk
sing out their was white water on the water
head & a whale of some kind was kicking up their
Mr Stevens ran aft & the whale proved to be a
large Humpback. which is to small for you
a spouter to take any notice of

Thurs 20th

It was our 8 hours on Deck last night & a light
cold night it was too. The 1st man came on
in the midnight watch of the Starboard watch
had the Deck and went forward & found
very me asleep fourth watch man and at 10 o'clock
he has had them on Deck all day at work
jobs such as scraping & sheeting down the masts
(Drawing salt water to fill the tanks for our

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I have catches an one asleep in Dec in the
cool water of mile deep then and out for
a mile at work up the. Light wind strong
fall & the heading of the sea are warm
& pleasant. but the nights are quite cool & a
good deal of dew falling. we are in Lat -
40° South.

Amherst

Beautiful weather with very light winds
doing odd jobs about the ship & bird catching
the third mate Mr. Marshall who had last
watch in the night time altogether. as Mr. Sturte
is all day on Deck and has all night
in. I think Mr. Marshall the finest man
for an officer on Board of the Baltic.
Reading &

Oct 23rd

Wash day once more. I have with my
got through washing & darning stockings & my
rally & borrowed Book of Mr. Marshalls
Lapping about Decks reading in some
off Log note the familiar cry once say
Hout from aloft off there. The Blow -
all hands brook in the rigging in short order
and saw a whale spouting about 2 miles
to windward, as soon as we saw him I spout
we knew it to be a Finback, & we passed
along on our way, you might as well try
to catch the wind, although there has
been instances of there being harpooned & killed
The old mate made me a very nice cake today
from a piece of a sperm whale jaw that we took
on the last season. I intend keeping
the same & making it a present to Brother
Billy if ever I live to get home again.
The heading South with very light winds
still close to the wind making making
a course about South East. if we do
not get a breeze we shall not see much
very soon

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Port Balth Dec 23rd 1856

53 From to Christmas. But it is just as good
as any other day on board of ship. Last season
at this time we were having bad luck in the
straights of Blumare off of Cape Horn.

Monday
In our midnight watch we squared the yards
and were steering our course S. S. E. with a
good stiff breeze making about 9 knots. It kept
blowing in all day and now it has increased to
be a strong gale of wind. Standing sails taken in
+ we are making 12 knots

Tuesday
I had the most difficult time I ever had since
coming aboard the ship last night. It was blowing
great guns + dark as tar when Mr Marshall came
out close up main Royal (the most lofty sail in the ship)
after closing up the sail. He said lay up there one
good and full the sail. No one but so I started
after getting up there I found the Deck stays all
blown off and the sail holding only by the lashing.
The mast up there where I was is not larger than
your arm. I hung on as well as possible. The ship
was rolling so the scuppern nut under my feet
slid. After working up there and near Blackhawk
came up + we succeeded in furling the sail.
I want no such job again. Trying to steer S. S. E.
there is too much at the wheel + it is impossible
to keep her within 6 points. This Christmas day
passed off the same as all other days only we
had nothing to do.

Wednesday
Fine weather but cold. Took latitude to day in
47° 10' yards square steering S. E. sent up main
yard + the sail is all right again. I have
in hopes I shall not have to furl or reef
it again in a heavy gale of wind

Thursday
Part of us washed to day as if we were
cold most of our watch went in the forehold and
kept busy mending our garments

Port Ballie Dec 31st/55

Jan 28th The other watch caught a Cape Horn
Porpoise in their watch last night & we had
it for breakfast the morning. The way it
is prepared at sea is to take & wash it up
very fine seasoned with sage pepper & salt
and then made in small balls & fried or
baked in pork & it was very good from experience
it is proper food. Black Rhinoceros fastened to
two iron rods away. Mr. Stewarts succeeded
in bringing another fish in, making in all
4 to day. They come in large schools playing
by the ships bows & are fastened to the
the mast. Their flesh is like fish
but the small quantity of blubber taken from
them is very valuable worth about \$3 a pound
we have on board some 30 gallons of Porpoise
oil at present. We have now commenced cruising
for Right Whales having gone as far South as
51° 45' S. Latitude in
any quantity flowing on all sides of us but no
other kind of Whales as yet

Mon 29th Breeze

Been busy trying out the Porpoise Blubber to day
we have had nothing to do for the past week
but stand our regular watch & maintain as the
weather is quite cool whale ships have no work
except that that is absolutely necessary in cold
weather you walk the decks to keep warm
in it. In the day time it is very pleasant
but about 3 hours that it is all dark
at these latitudes. We are steering for our next
search of R Whales.

Tues 30th

Blowing a strong gale of wind Double
reefed topsails & no other sail on except Storm
jib sail.

Wed 31st

The last day of 1856 has been an unlucky
one for the transferred hands on board of

1st Port Balthie January 1st 1857

Port Balthie, you see we has scratched an image and the letters T & T & T which has made the old man out of humor and he has taken the wheel house, having those who are obliged to stand wheels exposed to the bitter cold rain hail & wind. Every one man has scratched a little on the wheel house all hands are obliged to suffer, and are liable to catch their death cold. For it is very cold down in these latitudes. It happens a night passes that we do not have a very cold rain, we are obliged to stand two hours & two and a half & any one in one of these cold hard rains cannot help getting thoroughly drenched & he escapes without a heavy cold. He is lucky, & many a man has taken his death cold much of much exposure. The Captain says the house shall not go on again until the sea out there has done it, and no one knows when that will be done. Nothing else is talked of but the water on the wheel house, no one of course knows who is the man. All sail is set again & we I think are bound off of the ground steering the same to day.

Aug 11th
The old man is in a awful bad way on account of the scratching on the wheel house. He was intending he said to give us the same grub he did on last New Years day viz Sugar Cake three Plum Duff &c. He day nothing more than common & he has stopped our butter which we have had ever since leaving New Bedford. Last night, being Feb 1st much spring up accompanied with hail & rain. I planned to please the old man very much to see us poor fellows standing off the wheel exposed to all the wind rain & hail. Every one of us puts on all our clothes, coats, hats, and on can

Burr's Baltic Day 3rd / 1857

Oct 1st Hardly keep warm even then. We are under
close (repeated) Sloop's heading, E, S, E.
This of the whole has been the most impha-
tant New Year Day it ever spent. I
can imagine the merry 'mingle of the
Sloop bells & some young people riding
along each, chatting of the pleasant time
they intended to have a striping of the
slight fantastical too. O! it was only
my own Dear American soul once
more. It should think twice before I left the

Jan 2nd This is the most severe Gale you have
experienced while on board the Baltic. &
what makes it worse is, we have nothing
to shelter us while taking our trick at
the wheel. No sail on except Double
 reefed Main Sloop. Up Quarter
scatches as usual. The old man
says no one could have made these
letters on the Wheel House except a
well educated person. For he allows
it is a great deal better than he can
do it. The consequence is the charge is laid
to your humble self.

Jan 3rd The Gale still keeps up with increased
fury. I never saw it blow as hard as
it did in our first match on Dec 2nd last
night. Every rope the wind touched whistled
full as loud as I can. You could not
hear anything but the roar of the sea
and the whistling of the rigging. The hatches
are banged down by every thing I get aft -
solidly lashed. The sea is washing over
the rail every moment & the decks are
ankle deep with water. It makes one
much faster than it can run out of
the scope.

Barth Bluff June 1837

last to Abatement as yet. We are not sure
being to see if we cannot get rid of
some of the water on the Ice. This
is a very severe Gale of Wind, we are
drifting as fast as possible in various
directions

Commenced shelling pups out of the Lifeboats
this morning. The wind has moderated consider-
ably. Johnson struck a porpoise to day. Ready
to catch by net

This morning I was awake by the familiar
cry of the Blue Blows - and the spouts proved
to be a right Whales. Two of them. The sea was
running very high the effects of the upset gale
so that we did not venture away the Boats
until about 10 Am. Then our Boat the mate
& Bow started for the Whales. The sea came
smashing in the Boats & we all to our
shins. We soon got near enough and Johnson
our Boatsteer Dighted his eyes but missed
the Whales they started to windward the old
man saw the collar & we went aboard got a
net. The Whales did not seem to go far off
so the old man told Steward to fire his harpoon
lines down at 12^m before we had half finished
it was come in there. And away we started
again. This time with better success. Blackwell
struck one of the Whales and the rope went
through the waves. was a sin. The Boat was
full of water. & we were as wet as we could
be. We had been towed overboard. The whale
ran so for 3 or 4 miles and then began
to commence lashing the sea with his
flukes still we pulled up to him & Mr Stovers
put his lance (which was in his hand) &
drove to meet. We were anxiously looking for
him to come up with his chimney on fire. &
spouting blood. But we soon found

Barth Balle Aug 8th 1837

My dear I had gone down to, come up no more
the old mates lance, had, killed, him instantly
and he had, spent without, spouting any
Blood. We had only our line fast to him
and it soon parted. we sailed for the
ship not feeling in the best of moods. But
we all sincerely hope for better luck
next time. We are obliged to get about
18. balls, for the running or else we
shall have to stay 3 years yet & there
is not one of us but what would like
to press our foot on the American soil once
more.

Aug 11th
I am beginning to feel the same as usual
on the Norwest & that is bloody tired at night
been pulling in the Boats most all day
after whals and got nothing but a sort
of jacket. Mr Marshall gave us Soap
enough to last for the first 10 nights. & that
is five of us stand 2 hours. one Boats
crew are on Deck 2 hours & then 6 below
that will come good 6 hours right in a
strength is a luxury a sailor is not often
treated with. But we need it for we have
had no watch below since 11^{P.M.} to 3 am
I am sleeping.

Aug 12th
The old man put on the wheel the crew
last night about 9 P.M. This morning we
loured away the Boats again this morning
and after a good deal of manœuvring
our Boat got fast. Blackback put
2 heaps of iron in the ash up to the
hatches. He gave us a high side for
a few miles and then brought too heaving
the sea with his flukes and fins & roaring
like any demon. We soon got up to him and
the old mate killed a big one that order
we soon as we got him along side of

Barre Baltic Jan 15th 1857

The Ship, our Boat and the fourth water
started for, more whales some six miles to
ward of us. we came very near, but
one got did not and then pulled back
to the ship again. Dead calms. could not
sail had to pull all the time. We turned
away again & pulled along time and got
nothing. came aboard and commenced
cutting up the blubber we got no water
glow until after one in the morning

Jan 16th
Our mother being trying out. Mr Boyce
caught a Porpoise in their net this morning
loured away once got nothing. The old
man thinks he would not have got the
whale if he had not have put on the
shut down. All hands think the same
The whale is lashed

Jan 16th
Simsha trying out last night in our
match and to day are stowing the oil
down in the lower hold the whale
stowed us down 63-bbls of oil. it is
blowing fresh & breezing on all the time

Jan 11th
Another Sale of mepa. Carried away the
porpoise in the other match. In Harbor,
great guns last night - all sail taken in
It the old Baltic is a rolling as if she meant
to roll over

Jan 12th
All our match were being scraping the Bottom
this morning. got topallant sail set
and cruising along for the wind

Jan 13th
Extremely cold in Battle South. Dried
again to day for a whale got
nothing. Look for a whale in May
expect another sale soon

Back to Backe Sunday 5th/1837

Mr. Marshall came to the gal last night, till sail taken in; heading about South. I get awfully out of patience nights. In account of the other match getting quarter match very night - since our officers down on the inhaling ground kept when trying out the Bladders. Mr Marshall on all like very much, but one great fault is in our opinion is, he does not give us quarter matches of a cold rainy windy night: when we are called for quick & we must stay at on the quarter deck shivering with cold & then look at Mr Marshall as compassionately as a lamb does at the Butcher before being killed! But he don't or will not take the hint so we are obliged to make a virtue of necessity & patrole the gal deck for four hours. The other match when they have 8 hours in yet to go & when they stand out 8 in a place. we think it hardly justice, as they make much noise rattling pots & pans when we want to sleep. But I would not go in the other match on any account, as I think Mr Marshall a gentleman & would not wish for a better officer to head the match I am in. though he has given me more work up jobs than any other man on board. Still heading South in cold & times

Mr. Blows heard & is quite cold in Latitude 48 no sign of whales yesterday nor today. The old says he is going as far S as 52 & then for the Sandwich Islands as fast as wind & canvas can carry us.

Beans for dinner & they are rather not cooked good, any more than the old & the good for none of us like them any more. We are not sitting as good grub as formerly.

Barth Balthie Aug 18th 1837

at 7th under close reefed topsails with a very strong breeze. Confound it, our Boatmen take 5 quarters matches nights, without saying a word to anybody. But we found our hands have to find a load of the Mast-Head, for if Mr Marshall thinks we are going to hang when it is our watch on Deck he sends us to the Mast-Head, to stand 2 or 3 hours in the rain & hail wind for nothing. He has given me the experiment to try 3 times for catching me below & I do not want to repeat it if I can avoid it consequently we had rather stand our watch than get below & sleep & run the risk of taking 3 hours at the Mast-Head, we have given him some hints concerning Quarter matches but get no satisfaction.

One of the poorest. The poorest I may say Dinner I ever saw come in the Forecastle came down the Hatch to day nothing but Salt & Spiced Beef & boiled potatoes. This is the usual night we get Butter but we have had none since the affair of scratching the Wh. House; the old man has made that for his excuse not to give it to us no more. It is so cold to wash therefore we let our clothes go dirty.

Aug 18th Sabbath has but few charms for us at present for when it is our watch on Deck we are obliged to walk for 4 aft of the day makes very briefly to keep ourselves as well as we can. In Lat 53

Aug 19th A little more pleasant to day in Lat 53 but a steady S.W. wind keeps the Deck for some light whips, got nothing but a small fish again. I almost forgot to mention that the old man sent our Butter forward to us in Lat night

Back Baltic Bay July 22nd 37

Indet^r we had once called out this morning
about 7 A.M. with the familiar cry of
all Labradorians (Aho). I stood by the Boats
as soon launched our boat to sea. The
1st mate saw to us as soon as we got our
boat well up. Some of the boats were fasten
to a whale this morning & fell long before
the ship can get off of his eye. (the idea of
two being on the eye off one of these months) & soon
enough Mr. Hackett the 2nd mate & those of Harp
in a small Right whale. How the whale had
time to get under the water. The 2nd mate
soon landed & killed him before he was
enough to fasten. Our boat took the whale along
side of the ship & very soon got him in
pieces & then passed him in the kitchen. Then
Mr. Hackett & I quickened, hearing in the
whale before. These the blow & - found we
went again; after this I killed our boat
fastened & we soon killed him & took him
along side. Did not know him as it
was a 1st year. I saw my first whale fast to
the ship side. Two whales in one day is
a lucky thing

Thanks to
I finished killing the whale in the ship
& we are busy bringing out with a blubber
room full of nearly a sack all

July 23rd
The matter for trying out blubber and a red
it cannot last long. The old men
saw as before, as a matter it is very
valuable to ship to the west. It is better
blowing & this I made 4 whales for
O. H. Baltic

July 24
Another whale. I saw a Harp seal
like a man and two in the water
which I saw many things. Another
in the water and a long

Jan R Ballie Harry St 15/8

Jan 25th Mr Stiers struck a Porpoise & brought
him on on Dec 25th this morning, finished & trying
out the Blubber last night & are churning
up Seals to day. Tomorrow the old man
shall be says the straight for Sam's
& tomorrow we have all the oil to take
down on the lower hold

Jan 26th Got the oil all down in the hold &
to a shales made a right smart chaps
of oil as a pattern would say. They
make as 170 Bbls of oil. we have a spanking
strong breeze right aft. Sails square, all
sail is set. even to Studding Sails for main
topmast & all stands and to wash out their
slops with the ashes made from the venepes
these ashes we put in a cask & then put
fresh water in the cask & this makes very strong
Boys which takes all the grease & slush out of
the clothes without applying any soap. I have
some 12 pence to wash. But I think I can
do it as quick and as well as any
wash woman. If any one had told
me two years ago I should be obliged to
wash my own clothes. Say nothing about
mending them I should have thought them
a fool. But man proposes God disposes

Jan 27th You are judging the Prime new at
rate of 12 pence with all sails set & steering
W. N. E. the wind is still fair. the weather
begins to feel warmer already in Dec 27th

Jan 28th All day & all night in the morning land at
in the afternoon we reached off to
good breeze still heading N. E. & found
for me of the dangerous compasses
beginning to give in their seats & others for
first

Jack & I to the Store 8th 5th

Yesterday we had no time to scrub the ship from the stern to the fore with soap in order to take off all the oil dirt etc.

Jan 30 The old ship looks as clean & bright as a new pump. We finished washing all the inside, now next comes the outside, we are now in warm weather Sat 330

Jan 31 Commenced washing & scrubbing the whole box to day. Finished scrubbing the Bone to day. All land anxiously waiting for us to get to Pitcairns Island so that we can get our full of fruit again

Tues Feb 1st It is very warm and pleasant we are lounging around, Jack's some reading some smoking, now spinning Yarns. Then to go to come, very acceptable again now. Light rain trading to day & E

Wed Feb 2nd rain, sunning and Bone, all we got down in 1 day & Ireland night two times. The day was situated sending the Bone home if we have a chance when we get to the Islands

Thurs Feb 3rd Making spun yarn, the old machine is in motion with its eternal chatter right over my head. Not a very pleasant place for a lady to sleep. I will at all events now try to get a better looking my old pipe & I intend in my bunk take a smoke, and settle myself in the arms of Morpheus

Friday Feb 4th In latitude 29 the weather is very warm so that it is difficult in sleeping in Jack's bunk in our watch nearly dead

Out of Ball's Feb 8th 1837

Jan 8th Making outside of the ship, getting ready to
Point for. cannot head her course now
so that we are keeping her close to the wind
in lat 29.35 making quite good progress
to get to Pitearnis island. there we expect to
get plenty of Sweet & salt Potatoes. good strong
Breeze

Jan 8th
We are now obliged to Beat as the wind is
precisely ahead: took lat this noon again
for we have only made 35 knots to midland
at this rate it is going to take some time
to reach Pitearnis: this island was settled
some 35 years by some 10 Mutineers off on an
English merchantman, these men killed
the Captain & Officers. sunk the ship then
embarked on an island 3 Degrees off
called Owhiti. they got Rangatira & Mowee
came back to Pitearnis & settled since
then there has been missionaries on the island
& these Mutineer Sailors were converted into
the Holy & righteous ways of God. they are good
now but their Drums & Dances are all going here
in perfect peace & harmony

Jan 9th
This morning the cry of their-oh Brack-
was sung out loud & oft. it was only seen
once. Mr. Storer concluded it was a Slab
fish. It is a breeze in very strong. the
wind comes from just where the island
should be. Breeze waiking & minding to day

Jan 8th
It is blowing very strong but the old man
is carrying most of the sail as he is anxious
to get to this island tomorrow. the wind
has hauled so that we are making our
course by shall be in sight of land about
10 Am Lat 27.35 at 12 M to day. Pitearnis
Lays in 25.54. A Sparrow Hawk was seen on the 10 Bow
but soon went

Monday Feb 9th 1850

Mon 9th Land Her was sung out from aloft
this morning about 9 A.M. but we could
see it plainly from Deck; it is blowing
nearly a gale of wind. After getting
within a few miles of land we could
see the pinnacles. I pushed up against rocks
& the white foam would ascend a long
way up in the air. At 3 P.M. the Captain
told Mr Stigers to take his Boat & sail
along up the shore and see if he could
find a place where it would be safe
to land & if he did to go on shore
& bring off some fruit to the ship
In about an hour from the ship we were
rolling nearly mountain high & the wind
blowing great gusts. we were obliged to
pull ahead to windward to the beach
which was some 3 mile distant. it seemed
as if we were a drifting faster to leeward
than we could pull to windward. after
pulling for nearly two hours we succeeded
in getting within at few boats lengths of the
but no place could we find to land
the breakers were running so high it would
have been madness to have meditated to
land & we soon found out the island
was uninhabited. So we set our jib and
returned to the ship after reporting proceedings
to the Captain he squared the yards & left
the Pinnacles to return no more. So gave
bye to our high hopes of fruit to
the rocks I should judge, even some two
hundred ft perpendicular above the level of
the sea. we saw a large flock of ^{seals} about
upon these rocks. Looking looked good &
thriftily & I should think the soil good after
getting from the rocks. The Captain thought
the inhabitants had emigrated to Norfolk Island
some 10 degrees farther south on account of their
being no place to land except on a calm day

Porto Baltic Feb 10th 1837

16 In our midnight watch on Dick on double
reefed the topsails it was blowing a strong
gale. All hands are grumbling because they
got shipped up on their long promised land
(the old man saw no other islands says he wants
therefore in place get no fruit until on a
visit at the Samoyed islands. I have found
out one map on board of this ship and
I guess all that ships! and that is good
you may but get you must - Storing
it by B. It is really 8 bells now for my
pipe & turn in

It has moderated down to a fair breeze all
sail set. This the breakfast was sung out
at, from the mast head it proved to be
nothing however but a large fish called a
Juniper, in Sat 22nd m. have now got to look
out sharp for Siphons & Water Spouts. Commence
working in the rigging tarring down seizing
no better to it seem quite natural to handle
a Marlinspike & small string of Star

A small black cloud came up on the water
by this afternoon it kept extending until it
had nearly all over the horizon & then
it was at dark a night in which up
all sail & more all prepared when I was
very much surprised to see a very sharp
flash of lightning accompanied by a terrific
clap of thunder. Lightning is truly a
sublime and awful scene at sea. Many
of us were much frightened as this was
the first we had seen of some coming
blowing & away must the Antaresail the
coming down the yard by the run. The large
four wheel table (struggling the ship with a
struck it one of the masts & it lasted about
an hour & passed over of sincerely hope
I never shall see such lightning again

Park Ball Feb 12th 1857

Feb 13 A beautiful morning not a cloud to be seen
the wind has shifted and blows from just
the course that we should stand so that
we can make no Latitude & are doing as
well as we can running up our Longitude.
This afternoon I commenced sketching up and
it has been passing in perfect torments
accompanied by very heavy gusts of wind
I shall be glad to get out of these
squally latitudes standing close to the wind
making headway about normal should be
standing N by E. Commenced painting ships
on the outside a little this morning but the
appearance of clouds soon ended the job
for the present

Feb 14
One of the finest weather days we have had
for a week day. I made up most of my
Red & bedline the good strong breeze
blowing N by E

Feb 15
I have been busy working out problems
in Longitude. I can take the Log & flatter
myself correctly. Fine breeze close to the wind
making about N by E

Feb 16
Commenced working on the rigging. Started
at the main & Mizzen mast rigging
aboard at Foremast & Jibs.
The trade winds are coming down in a pretty
dash. We are now out of the lat. of
sprouts & Rain squalls. Weather same as yesterday

Feb 17
Making up the rigging for the Foremast yard. Splicing
the Foremast foot ropes seizing on lathes some of
the making Bone Spur yarn. The old masts are
very much shod at work in masts making. But
we have had patch & patch so far so that we
have no reason to complain. Weather same

Park Palace Feb 19th 1857

Mr The Captain has had a part of our match this morning helping him break out the run (a small round run in the cabin) overhauled everything down there, brought in Dr. K a box of smoked Hams, he took out one for his own use and then carefully hid it, set up again. Our Potatoes are put away out. For Breakfast & Supper we are living on Bread & Butter. Sea biscuit powder up with meat & mixed with ^{slugs} this mess: the nautical term is Dunderfurnet. It would make a Deane make some more faces if they could eat it. I have been busy mending up the Fortogallant sail sewing up new Dugan on the outside. Any one to see us now when it was set would think me more in want of a Pilot. For Deep Blue is the colour of Dugan & that is the colour set at the Mast Head when in want of a Pilot before entering any Port.

Thurs 19th Setting up Fortopmast - Jack stays this is a difficult job generally but we finished this day in one crack. Norcast, etc continued blowing fresh. Beautiful weather; heading in 20th same. We had considerable sport in our morning match. We turned out at 3 AM as usual (when our 8 hours in Dr. K) all except one of our match who says he did not hear the half. cap. it is the fashion when any of us do not hear the watch order to let them say. I got a short time from the foremast down in the Forecastle with a long rope passing my end on Dr. K. Aye, with the other end they made fast to the jellies by my foot, that is innocently slipping in, I was blind & then all hands in Dr. K. haul with all their might. In dragging life, and sink - out for comes of his head. He is a huge fellow if he does not get afraid of anything they will very soon to hand him in Dr. K. The following body was the

Barth Balthie Feb 22nd 1837

So but, as you must come if the rope does not part -
I had the experiment tried on me, after leaving
New Bedford about one week. The first and the
last time I ever want to be fastened too
It was our midnight watch on Deck of a cold
disagreeable night on the 7th of Oct 1835, when I
feeling very sleepy I went down in the Forecastle
and laid on my bunk (bench) and soon fell
asleep. The first thing I knew I found my
head on the Forecastle Deck rising up holding
tar & that had been spilled there. And the
leg that had the rope fastened was nearly
up out of the scuttle my other leg had got
loosed in between the Boards & some 9 or 10
big stout fellows hauling on the rope, I thought
they would pull my leg from my body in
spite of everything. I awoke very sore in the
hips, feet & left with my cries. It was something
I know nothing about and I could not
imagine what it was that had me by the leg
After as it seemed to me nearly an hour they gave
it up as a bad job & I found up on could
hardly step on the leg they fastened to. I was bent-
up & badly pained. But you should see
but the Officers and they all laughing at me
I expect I must have made a ghastly sight
of my leg but said nothing. I carried the marks
of that rope on my leg until after we arrived on
this side of land. And whenever I fell as if
I wanted to go below and sleep I think of my
getting hauled out of the Forecastle. I have
huffed to have many a poor fellow out since
then, and they make some awful cries. I have
all the harder - they had no mercy on me
when I did not know any better. And I
am not going to now, where they are all
well acquainted with the result of the ship.
The mind has hauled a point and me and
now the sailing is better. It is a way when the
sun is out - tell me what days & that will be tomorrow

Bark Baltic 23rd 1837

21st Good breeze. hauling down some course about
Popoia under the Bow in our midnight-watch
on 21st last night, but could not strike any
of them. The ship was going to fast - & they came
to deep: & some other good excuse the Boatmen
made, a little fresh Popoia meat would go
finely now that we are entirely out of Potatoes
and are living on nothing but ~~Bar~~ stuff
I washed six pieces well filled with tea

22nd 23rd
This as usual has been a fine day. I have been reading
an old book written by Eugene Sue called the
Mysteries of the People it is very interesting. I thought
I had ready everything on board. But one of
the sailors happened to find this at the bottom
of his Donkey and it is a real luxury. In gaining
for visiting other ships we always take along our
stock of Tobaccos and exchange with them so
that they get new and we too. We have never been
so long before without a gain consequently our trading
matter to me is all still

24th
Commence tarring down the rigging and my hands
are as black as a negro. The Blows was
seen out from aloft in second day watch
and I saw aloft. and soon said there
was a sperm whale on our lee Beam in square
the yards and kept off but the sun had
gone down before he was raised and we did
not see him again.

25th
Rem kept off before the wind all day coming
due South. It was if we could not see the
sperm whale again but could not
take in sail last night. The old Span
intends cruising around here for the next
month he says he does not want to
get to the Islands before the first of June
tho I hope we can get a hundred of
Sperm before we get to the Islands

Barre Baltic Feb 26th 1837

Wed 25th Fixed Tallyant Sails and carried them
with the canvas so that no tar could get
on the sails, sent down mainsail and are
busy tarring down the lefty rigging.
Possessors were playing around the ship all day
day: cruising under topsails only nearly dead
small

Been several sharks seen under the stern
that is a bad sign in my opinion. I heard
some of the sailors spin some strange yarn
about sharks following a ship. I have been
tarring down Tallyant Backstays

Wed 27th The Sharks still stay with us following us up
thru some port overboard with a hook
& line, tried to get them but they would
not bite. We then lowered away our Boat
and tried to harpoon one of them with 6
lines but could not strike either of
them. Finishing tarring down today & carrying
the tar off of the side of the ship getting ready
to paint her inside and out - my work
my hands & clothes would look beautiful
for some. Ladies Taylor I see they are
selling the paper. But I cannot get the
tar out - The Hl Man says he intends
to have me tar down the rigging a few
days before we get in New Bedford
so that I shall not forget to see
that I have been a sailor

Sat 28th

The last day of Feb and I have bought
13 yds of Skinsure cut out a short and
put of Pants and intend making them
up for in place of buying any more
of the Slop chest. I also got for the Pot-
for 14 yds of old thread. Threw away all
over the Deck and had a long time
sweeping. Monday, commenced painting Ship

Bar. Baltic Dec 2nd / 1857

Quater Hall my trick at the wheel from 10 to 12 am.
and some of the boys said their was Dolphin
under the stern, whereupon they all run aft
got the oar lines and commenced pulling
Mr Stivers among the rest he caught 3 and
their flopping around Deck brought the old
man up out of the Cabin. He drove all the
men forward & then he and Mr Stivers set
to & had a regular old fashioned family
garden. The first one they have ever had
the old man will not have anything going on
Sabbath day. It being my wheel I heard
all that was said on the subject. And there
was some high words passed.

None
All Hands on Deck all day painting no match
below for our match until 11 PM

Dec 3rd
The same to day both matches we only got 4
hours sleep out of the last 24 but the next we
shall get 8 hours

Dec 4th
I the match & match as usual & in the most
done painting. wish to day & then we will
have nothing to do for the rest of the week
as we want the paint to dry.

Dec 5th
Something very strange to us we have nothing to
do now. all hands are loafing around Deck
same as on Sunday the pipes & rigging are
all laid around the ship. I have seen
that we are against the paint.

Dec 6th
Nothing to do now. all hands are loafing
around Deck. The pipes & rigging are
all laid around the ship. I have seen
that we are against the paint.

Part 2 of the Journal

Land Ho was sung out from about
about 10 am and on look made it
out to be Omaha although some 140
miles ahead; on ran all day with all
sail set had a light - 6 knots and
just before dark it commenced clouding
up and at midnight - we hauled
back the main yard and have too
waiting for Day light. Spoke Whaler ship
Enter Lil. Grant from Kome with my
300 lbs of fish and a hard looking
old craft she is and looks very badly

Wed 9th

Land is plain in sight this morning
we have braced fore and aft and
now standing straight for land
with main. fore. Sent up signal for
a pilot at 11 am and he soon boarded
us. Had fair wind until noon and it
then hauled right ahead so that the
only way we could in at the Harbor
was by beating. we got in and dropped
Anchor about 2 P.M. and in a very
short time we had all the sails
snugly furled

Thurs 10th

Commenced rafting off fresh water
to the ship finished on Saturday
Starboard watch got Liberty on
Friday and our watch had the
same Saturday. We have now
300 lbs of fresh water in the ship
enough to stand us all through our
season on the Hornet.
Sunday all hands except five to stay
on board and take care of the
ship got Liberty and a regular job
time on. had off it. No sign of
any kind sold there not even beer

Barb Balle March 26th 59

March 23rd Been casting off Provisions to the ship
that we stopped here when we first
came out from Kome; Starboard
watch got liberty again to day
the Captain only gave us one dollar
a day to spend however that is
enough for everything is very cheap, you
can ride in beautiful Mayses $\frac{1}{2}$ of a day
for 25 cents no such thing as a
wagon was heard of here; fruit
costs you nothing, the only amusement
you have is riding on horseback along
the beach (for that is the only level
place you can find) and rolling tin
pins, and visiting the "Knackers" in their
migrations they are very hospitable and
will entertain you as well as they know
how, I have got so I can understand
some of their language and get along
with them fairly.
We laid in Kile Bay at anchor
until Wednesday morning the first of
April and then weighed our
anchors and set sail for old
Mothra, came to look around and see
if all hands were on board Wednesday
morning we found two missing who
had ran away, all of the forward
hands myself amongst the number
assisted them in getting away, and
the Captain even gave them five dollars
to ^{keep} take them in the island until we could
get away from Oahu they were entirely
useless on board and we were
all heartily glad to get rid of them.
We went in at Luyhai for potatoes on
our way down the coast and
got 50 lbs. Friday the old man went
ashore in Mothra and I was amongst
the boat crew that helped to

Barke Ballie April 5th 1837

pull him ashore. I took dinner at a
place Bill Butler keeps. I made some
inquiries about him and was told
he is not worth anything except that
that he has in his back. He has
the appearance of being a regular runaway.
We staid ashore all day and at
night set sail for Capu. where I
expected some to get letters from home.
But I was sadly mistaken the Captain
and nearly all of the crew were
disappointed in not receiving letters. They
say our mail has been due there for
the past few days. and I suppose
my letters must have been in that
mail. Surdging the old man must
ashore and brought off what letters
there was for the crew. I received one
from William Thom from John Will
Kot and was very happy to hear from
him. I wrote him our old our
passage out from the Cape de Bre
islands. We came to an anchor
on Monday April 6th outside of the
reef and lay there until Thursday.
We then weighed anchor and made
sail for another of these
islands for the purpose of getting
potatoes, hogs, poultry &c

It is awful hot and we are men
more out at sea though by looking
as far as the eye can see as far
you can discover dim outlines of
Capu. Man still living on fresh
and I shall be very glad when
it is all out of the ship
the old man shipped on our men
Mr Malay Mr. Panackar &
Portuguese in the island

Bark Baltic April 21st 1857

Sailor. The Captain intends going in at night of
the moon masterly of these islands rather
Altogether or perhaps to get some
more potatoes & several eggs & some
poultry besides onions and other necessaries
He is going in on a regular trading
expedition. The Captain nor any of the rest
of us have any money so we are
going to trade for Calico Blue Dyeing
and some other things that we
have. The natives of these
islands are not under much of a
state of civilization as the other islands
from the simple fact but very few
ships go in there
Down up on making good strong fire
making. The S. Alaway is plainly to be
seen. The old mate took some
dry goods to anchor to trade with
the natives. But they were too lazy to
go and look up their klogos, poultry
&c wanted him to wait until the morning
and then they would be ready to trade very
cheap. But we came off and
left them & started for Poyohoi

Sailor

Down off and in at Poyohoi all day
Sunday doing nothing but pack ship
very little fruit. Left standing
at 5 o'clock found the land and
then back off many and then
in off the land. Had a good
with a good abundance of food. Some
mass were put for some time & months
& has taken some of our men
some tall fiddling on board of
us for one of their own kind
although but was for some

Back Baiter April 16th 1859

Mr. Wm's went ashore this morning
with a few pieces of bacon & a whole
flask of lard oil. It has been all day
snowing & freezing. The ice land is 6 ft
up the rest the land is high but
the sail is out. I saw two Stags
buy a Hog to day. That I should
say at the last calculation would
bring 500 lbs for \$1.92. The bought
13 Hogs & several lbs of small potatoes
& beans. The potatoes cost 15 cents
a lb. we got many Geese, fruit &
meat at night - a pun on Geese
and set sail for the cold north
course out by South

The Back Baiterport is nearly abstract
of red sand. The two Captains are
trying to see which has the strongest
sailing ship & from the appearance
of the ship the first is the talk
of the day for it is a flying Dutch
man a back of them and carrying
Hogals. The wind is about 4 miles
per hour and we are going along
fast. The rate of 11 knots. No sail
talking in as yet & neither of them
seems to have any decided advantage
over the other. I care it by 8

The Back Baiterport is on our master
quarter so that we got about
of her last night - and still
maintain our ground. And I
think we can as long as we have
a good breeze. Killed 2
large Hogs to day & have been
killing savages & Caribbees by 8

Dark & Follie April 26th 1856

Shut the hatch and our rival
is now some 3 miles ahead of us
by noon we are up to day
but our new cook cannot
commence to make any kind
of a dish with our old French
cook quite warm and pleasant

April 27th Found calm but a breath of air &
do not know what latitude or
what longitude we are in but
my new friend being nearly all
longitude I shall shoot the sun
(as our forward flocks call it)
at the first opportunity.
Killed a fine Spanish roasted for
dinner - It was cooking late

Sat 18th To mind we got the dark
new report - is some 3 miles to windward
of us. Commenced making Spanish
yard & sent - I had quite a
large mash to day not having
nashra since leaving port before
thy old man opened the Slop chest
(the Nauticae proper) or rather a clothing
store and all that remained any
winter clothing Boots shoes & other
to come and get now for this old
to the last time the Slop chest was
opened the winter I was standing
in the room charging everything as
fast as the boys bought. Had
some \$3.00 worth and then sold
up Slop. Monday I am to
begin writing up the old man
books for him. That is a job
I have always nursed and I
shall certainly make the most of it
the time

Pack Balm April 27th 1837

Jan 19th I got a fine lot of Boots in feet
and as to day is a very pleasant
I shall simply say that it is
very much what I would always be a land
lubber would know how to prize a boot
it means that that - an fond of trading
until they have been the men at sea
without any trading matter

Commenced writing up the old man's book
and intend to make the job as much as
possible he gave me a very nice new
spit while in port. It is set, and seldom
that he makes a present & I have let
it pass without making a note of it
and again in Calcutta he gave me a
fine Dollar gold piece and told me
to use what I wanted of it and
bring him the rest without even asking
him for it

The Captain's expenses are very light
this time in port to what they usually
are and I cannot avoid finishing
to day however all night in for
the past two nights is by 3 or 4 men
and to take I shall finish to night
nearly I read & sleep. But what little
mind this is in an trying to read
most of night.

When we sailed from New Bedford
old mate sent me in Captains of the
for the purpose of showing
I show all the papers in the ship were
placed and also the books the log book
&c. &c. as well as the things that I
have been making. I have been busy
all day cleaning it out

Porto Salte April 18th 1857

April 18th The night was quite cool - but the days
are getting and pleasant a great
deal. The sun is shining at
noon. This afternoon Blackwell raised a
large school of blackfish in the water
and some of the men went out
with their boats ready and called all
hands. They went away and
after this school of fish was taken
they returned to know what a
boat was for as soon as we got
near them I saw they would go after
serving us in the way. For two hours
we remained away until some one told
the lieutenant is some six miles off on
the full beam. When she saw the other
boats ahead she lifted up and stood
along but did not get any nearer
as our boat was ahead. In this
second the yards and kept on and
please not to meet with a very light breeze
April 18th

She made for Santa and we are now
about half way with a good breeze. I do
not think there was a ship and going
on the horizon for the purpose of getting the
more anxious to file up than the Baltic's
and they are from the Captain down to
the Storage boy must all to be on the
deck and the cold and stormy horizon
and if by looking out sharp from the
mast head, and pulling back when
after a while will get some very one
will be able to see his ship. I am
hundred barrels to fill the ship with a
back and if possible we are bound to
have that sort of it. I continue if
it is a very good one. I am sure the
strongly inclined to run away rather than
be taken down on the water.

Jack Ballie April 29th 1837

at 25th has had a cold & rainy night the wind
has backed right around and is now blowing
strong from the north accompanied with
a cold and stormy day. The mercury just
is outside but of sight now the last on
view of her she was in our mother's
quarters. In our morning watch found five
it and I am my washing this afternoon
darning my stockings and mending up an old
pair of pants. I must aft and get five
pounds of tobacco and this makes 35 lbs
of tobacco I have used and gave away this
voyage. Possibly I must stop during the
winter for it will not do the old man
change us 30 cents a pound that amounts
to the moderate sum of \$11.40 in about
eighteen months, enough to buy several
cheap dresses for my wife if I ever get
one which I think strongly of when I can
afford it. I intended to have taken the
latitude this noon but it was so cloudy
I could not get at the mast head
saw a whole of porpoises they went
off in the mother & boat without coming
within

Sund 26th

We have had the Paddy's Kermis since
last night at midnight that is a dead calm
not even a breath of wind. Jack has said today
at 28° 20' latitude and 177° 40' West.
and it is Sunday here it is Monday at
Hono and so on every day earlier in the
longitude. It has been a beautiful day
now and pleasant. The last of the
to break in again. About the same last
year they were so I could not have them
for the last 5 days I laid in my bunk
with my hands down up. Jack says
as soon as they get a little better I shall
be joined and they have the very little

Park Baltic April 30th 1837

Went to light house up in river
morning water. Then to work from
5 to 8 getting the potatoes out of the
ground to select those that were common
getting very good. It kept raining in all
the forenoon and when we went on
Dred the afternoon the breeze was very
strong so that we were obliged to
take in the forenoon of the light sails.
This course we took by the wind the water
about mid-day north it was only could be
seen - we should have seen light ships
and I am very anxious to get amongst
them for I cannot bear the thought of
coming up here again.

Dec 25th

One of the Spaniards by the name of Dick that
the old man shipped last fall wants
to go home to America with me. He has
always seemed very much attached to me
and he has not father before Dick.
Brother nor any relation. He is a smart
active man and faithful little fellow. And
I think I shall take him with me
whenever my first voyage may be. I
know that he will stay by me in
adversity as well as prosperity. The breeze
is very strong and the old ship is rolling
and pitching in about the same style as
in New Zealand and the Hornet. And
groaning and creaking as if she had
more than she could bear. But the old
man seems bound to hold on to all the
cannons she has on. He has fore & main top gall
sails half-mast & stays set. I have seen
her under this spread may a time in not
so strong a breeze as this ever. By the way
my eyes are still very weak & I think I
shall be obliged to wear my much by night
by lamp light.

Park Ball's Church Feb 1857

Wednesday the 26th as we are about starting sails
at four and a half the breeze is not so
strong as it was yesterday. But we have
a good fair looking night. The Blues
was sent out from Capt. & David this
morning but found to be nothing but a
Kempsey. He goes on to the north of him
I think I have had to get back to my
native. Well again I shall go to some
distance and see if he can tell me who I
should have the points in my eye. I
remembered when I went to the school at
Pahoa for 3 days I had a very severe
pain in my (barboard) side so that I was
obliged to turn in and keep my bed.

Thurs. 27th

It is a breeze in very strong so that
we have been obliged to take in all
the left sails. For the past 4 days the wind
has blown from every point in the compass
but most of the time from the S.E.
course while met by north

Weds. 28th
This afternoon I went down in the
forecastle to see if I want any more
I had a trip on Saturday I had
my shirt for when Dan happened down.
Therefore the day what is the matter with
you there is to go with you all over
you. I must get on the quarter deck as
planned, the H. M. I could not make
anything of it but told me not to come
and I did not go any more that night and
I did not get better in the morning
I had to have helped up and
course is now by both stilling
for 4 days. The days are warm and
pleasant but the nights are cool and
foggy. At night in most the had to take
care I was in all time in and by night

Dear Father May 1st 1857

Sat I did not sleep any at night - in
at all. a little after turning
I was very sick to my stomach
and a short time after that I was
tossed with some pains in my legs and
arms so that I went up on my right and
pained there for 3 hours. I came below
and turned in again but could not
get asleep. and for about the only
thing this voyage I was happy to have
the shillie boys of all sailboats about
you put thirty bullets and stayed
by your side. I have been taking
a strong dose of Gales & Perry pills, and
this afternoon the old man has mixed me
up a lot full of Pepsin & molasses
and told me to keep below out of the
wind. It acts as an emetic. I am
suspicious if I rub or scratch myself
at all it will swell up immediately. The old
man & Mr. Stines both seem very kind. &
I think they are more alarmed than we
are. but they know nothing about the disease
consequently I can not give me any valuable
info. My pains are light this afternoon but
I am swollen up badly my legs cannot
buckle and I say I hardly hope to
return my trip. if I can not get a good
night's rest I think I shall be all
right in the morning. No wind Sat 30 40

Sun 3rd

I think I feel a good deal better this
morning. I feel the things burning on the
side sometimes but I am not troubled
with much of any pains. I cannot
sleep all night, in fact all my time
is all anxious looking up the two feet
long of the man (up the two feet)
obliged to get up and stretch the Dr. R.

Barl Balth. May 5th 1877

2000 ft. I have commenced standing my watch and
feel slight and feel heart as being out
from aloft this morning the light is not by
I could not see the ship still from the
deck but the breeze all died away and
could get my hands over the compass
all hands being splitting of hands for the
cock

2000 ft. I am the last of the watch here again this
morning the wind being some two points
shift to the wind that what we saw
my feet in our hands and the wind
had consequently the wind passed out of sight
and the breeze is strongly coming from the
sails for I saw the wind in north by
west with the wind aloft of the boat
blowing away to the point to day
at noon on the boat all the wind out of the
the wind is in the wind but there are
more the wind, but down from the boat
and the wind. It is in the wind
I heard and that the station is watch for
the wind all the sails and the boat
I prefer the first point for the first
the wind is in the wind. When the
watch came on Deck at 11 P.M. I was
and entirely dead calm and the wind
had shifted from the south west and
to the north accompanied with a cold
diagonable rain. There is a very heavy
rain and as there is no wind the
shade the wind is blowing about 10 knots
I find it almost impossible to write and
as it is nearly 8 bells I will shut and
fill my old pipe and be ready to then
in a few days a good smoke. Having
come to the point and a wind shift
to by 5 1/2 S

Dark Fallin' Day / 15/1837

Wed⁶ Rained in of our largest ships today
I shall say the wind mizz nably if
not quite hot and all the cost has
no dollar and ninety cents. Broke out
a cask of bread and 4 lbs of butter
stuck up for provisions from the Martingale
but both got wet. A good strong
wind about 4 points S.W. as it says
from kind of cloudy sand heavy the
old man has not able to take the wind
for 3 days past. Course set by N
up

Still the same wind only blowing on
a little all the time and is hauling
apparently for for we have faced the
yards. The old man is saying sail till
I think it is not safe. The main Royal
set and it is blowing a gale of wind
two men at the wheel and they cannot
keep her straight - she luffs up
and in the while and a sea will strike
her and break over on Deck nearly
drowning all hands. at 4 P.M. we sent
out hand down staysails & she up
main Royal before 2 past 6 every sail in
the ship was set except main Royal
which was also reefed. And it was blowing
a little heavier the wind had
hauled back a head & it was a regular
breeze kept it lasted not as long
we got all hands below but five men
until it should moderate which it did
about 3 in the morning the watch went
on Deck and made sail

There is a very heavy rain but the wind
has all left but a moderate evening
from west to north we want to go and
it is awful cold. I have in a heavy
coat & thick (Bra) which might be too

Post Office May 10th 1857

8th two thick woolen shirts, pants & drawers
heavy boots & stockings &c. only two days
off in now laying around cloth
perfected and cotton shirts and some
plenty more. The old man has spoken
to us fellows that talk about not to
see any tobacco get good match to the whole
covered mind for he has frequently seen
old negroes and tobacco people going
around the quarter district and he is
somewhat particular it does not suit
him. He told us months ago if he
saw any more of it and he could not
find out who did it he would punish
all that showed the road. The old and
old whips, Carpenter and building a
new coop under the whole house the
afternoon. The old man happened to look
my dog and he saw about 300 old negroes
stand away to dry things. He started
forward and the other grates said you
could not see the hole for the dust
my match and all turned in our pants
bring our match below. But he soon
rouled us. come here and you that about
tobacco after getting in the hole he made
us get sand & draw water & go to
work & scrub all around that whole
house for some 2 hours. The wind and
water was awful cold on my hands
& arms and I have not had a chew
since nor do not mean to soon

For several days past in the hot
afternoon. No tobacco has any more
down after they get in the hole. It is
absolutely necessary. A clear beautiful morning
and the sun shining out just as usual
Good night so that it is quite pleasant and

Port Ballu May 13th 1857

Captain thinks it fell as good but if it
should prove not to be so it will be going to
Bristol Bay which is about 16 Days from
here. I wish the Harbor & is and coming
and by report it is as cold as Siberia
has for several the afternoon. The ship
is still in the harbor and in rock fields
there is a mighty heavy sea and the pump
but the water continues to rise a little

It is tremendously cold the morning. I
think I am in fact right I can assure
you I am high. if I ever get back
to the States again I shall not have all
right in my head to a good many people in
cold weather to come in another whaling
voyage I am sure. I often imagine being
comfortable in an old and sitting around the
fire having the cold wind whistle around
the corner of the house & the snow & hail
pattering against the windows. You may
think of the above now, but you cannot
yourself with the things perhaps. The
terrible weather came at 11 o'clock here but
I can assure you it does not blow much here
- the wind then was or I can see it on
the land there is no hills nor mountains
but no clear field of water. I can see
the fort of the old ship of the thought
my fingers would freeze before we got
down in the water. I had it & about 100
of Manifesto set the Manifesto
handed out the speaker in our first
match in the

Strong breeze all day corner Manifesto
at 11 o'clock about 11.30 in the afternoon
morning with my appearance of weather
which is all sail except for the
the rapid Manifesto. Our ship had a

13th - 14th J. K. Bell May 15th 1858
- on different job in Falmouth, Maine

13th - very difficult job in getting the main
sail hoisted a heavy sail & at this time
saw her with rain & snow & my men precious
length of time it seemed almost impossible
for the whole watch third mate & all to
get the sail on the yard arm. This was
6 p.m. and at least we got it fastened
when I came down in front my back &
sides ached with cold. I felt that the
small water & they would feel alright again
but operating was to hoist up the boats
on p. 1 - then about 8 against the drift
& then all hands down. You may depend
we were not slow in obeying this last order
The yards are square & sailing right -
What the wind I could hear but

The Sol. still continues to the north of
the north. say on during the morning high
and low. but the night is fine and we are
having a good time in the forecastle rigging
playing at cards. The flat plank and some
to be seen in the distance. Day is calm and
high. On Oct 10th the wind, whether it was
through the rigging so that you cannot
see yourself. I will tell I don't speak
of it. If you go in dark you will be a
longer if you are not thoroughly dressed
with a wet washing over you. Then
on the delight of a whole life on
the narrow coast. What a world

The morning very moderate breeze for the place
 for I had been blowing a gale of wind and
 had the time since we have been up here
 been much to our advantage, but we
 are now making great progress, but
 not so rapid as we were at first, as
 yet. Still going very hard, the Captain has

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Baltimore May 17th 1857

Went down to get the gun with the powder
in water for 3 days just as that is a
common thing. The Orest coming in the
night the 1st thing we saw by all means
but the change of the light. I was obliged
to take up with it. In the morning I went to
catch the night row. I saw some things
but not much. At 4 P.M. I was just finishing
reading the life of the celebrated scholar J. J. Thomson
of the University Museum New York City. I made
salmon for the benefit of the University and with
by an all night work. My pen still writing
my work so that I could reach the 100 page
in each night. I was talking to some of the
men to finish it. Storing it to the night
ending before about 11 P.M. There was some
small for the Thompson & Sulphur bottom in
the water as yet concerning the description of a
night what.

See 16

No wind of any account this morning. The No
Thompson & Sulphur bottom. There were all pairs
around the ship about 10 and there the Pollock
said from near 0, large school of Blackfish
on the water. I saw the same came down
to the ship on call. The other school gave
the chase away the 1st school & after the
Blackfish in 1 started. As it was a dead
calm we were obliged to use our oars. As
soon as we moved got near them they made
loud the noise & so down we could not
keep up one of them after trying about 1 hour
we went on. I should say there was
300 Blackfish in the school. but not to turn
any after. Down all of us were asleep
about the point of full. I supposed it was
above the water to stand by the boat
with school of Blackfish on the side
of the ship. The school went down & north

Wash. D.C. May 15 1837

16 - Boat - that our Boat remained
on the main & we had nothing to do
but look on and see the fun of
even the whole school of Blackfish jump
up just under the ship. Shows the
captain got so excited he gave order
away the daylong that & I went
down & see if I cannot get a fish
this is the second time the old man
has been on land. This voyage he is
very quiet & spent in the boat, as a cat
the whole boat very liked him. I treat
as a Boat trader. But we did not get a
Blackfish, we came on board about
4 P.M. His mind, yard square trading
yacht. It was a little matter for me
to refrain from taking a plus between when
down in the boat. I have not had any
thrice in my mouth for the past two days.

At one time the ship was under way
for 4 months. The hunter up the fjord
the balance of the night was with
nothing but double reefed topsails. This morning
a very thick fog so that you can hardly
see the flying fish being distinctly it has
remained so for the entire day. For the
first, no one knows forward I have been in
Deck 4 & 4 hours & the other 20 when not
rating this yacht in his bunk. Still being
right before the wind with a very strong breeze
commenced getting coffee (hot) on the 14th &
we had a quick lunch. That on water
& eat ourselves in our matches on deck nights
which I am extremely fond of called
Black. I will give you the receipt. Take
a quart cup 3/4 full of water mix sufficient
molasses to make it agreeable to the taste then
put in a few drops of vinegar then

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Barkle Balth May 19th 1837

onable in hard ground to be better with a spoon
I do not think for the past 19 months I have
missed one dog's night without partaking
some part of a pot of Black. I say it is
proper food where I can get nothing
better

Mon 18th

Very light wind. The old man is found off of the
ground for Bristol Bay where we were last season
at this time; we are sure of seeing whales there
the weather is cold & disagreeable

Wed 20th

Spice was not agreed strong breeze! Took
battled to day for a week the old man out
goes & night but soon for the first time
I have, twelve days of soft but rain - clear
both while the breeze - the old man & I think
has one point at that sea ground if I get
sufficiently good. We are now sailing but
suspicious I am to get filled up the same
for I want to be certainly to my last
screw on the solid ground. I want to the
main track good the morning at 5 o'clock after the
up there about one hour the sea was very
high & calm. I now said a word - sailing by at
in a short time a small black cloud
appeared & some clouds nearly all over the
horizon for the space of half an hour it then
a perfect horizon - but back now all over
at once we are obliged to look very thin
off & stop up the water, but all nearly finished
with the other. The old man said to me
after thinking anything do you think of
will not come in another whaling by a
I am not ready to set as long as I am
in my little boat & can get anything to
it. I have seen the sea when only by at
I have got out one more time in my
on nothing passage! Reading & writing

Baltic May 20/1857

My father & mother were all of last year
to the Baltic singing out from all
the - Mrs. Bloom & a lady being back
the second questions by the captain where
away - how far off & what it looked
like - said for the first time in a long
time to meet her again was in the morning
early getting up to the town of the
let the ship get. Mrs. Bloom said it was
a large Svalbard. There are the
largest animals in the fish like the
mince the day of blue bear. But you can't
see them as it was coming sailing to
the ship. But had a lot of them. I saw
in the morning of the 20th all the
ship went to the north, my father & all
the ship went to the north. I saw to
the ship. But the weather was very
bad. I saw a lot of them. I saw a lot of them.

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Part 1 of the ...

"I had said 4 square yards. The ...
 said to me ... that ...
 3 yards. I told him if he did not go ...
 better ground for what than this is I think
 the prospect is very fair. The price at ...
 as I was out the would had up the
 and also did not for ...
 input for ...
 have some kind of a ...
 by some on board ...
 (by the way - ...
 has kindly loaned me all the ...
 of 1836 & 1837 ...
 of the look at the beautiful ...
 of ... with many a ...
 and that ...
 might have been

Monday 25th

Paddy's ... to day. immediately aft.
 the old man got on ...
 and said that it was a ...
 old ... of the ...
 any more ...
 can have a ...
 now we have commenced ...
 regular sea ...
 I for ...
 shall consider it ...
 to of the ...
 while ...
 came in ...
 inches of ...
 make the ...
 snow. I cannot help but ...
 view ...
 justify the ...
 as the ...
 before ...
 have ...

Battle Point May 27 1837

Must have been the first of the year
brought sharp up through the mud
making a canal about 10 feet deep & east
about 100 yds to the head east of main
the black point. The land was very low
the for the first time. & from the appearance I
did not think it was any part. (That is
is, never used as a road of ships except by Green
Hank, as it is entirely, dangerous like)
On looking over the ground between of the point
for 100 yds. I saw the history in part of the
point. Had regularly out about 100 yds. of
green sand & it felt like about 100 yds.
I finally kept on a few short grasses
and of looking for the point and looking as
a point - probably was it. Saw only four
or five holes existing and potatoes again
my things existing as, he made the true
part of our pleasure by opening us
may have interesting game
Vard 1st

Had wind again. came now, E. S. E.
quite and light & quiet the afternoon
on account of Mr Marshall singing there
- The 13th is a right whale for 100 yds
in the water. The old man soon saw
the spot & said it was indeed all hands
immediately called. on our way to
out to make any more get out from the
the 13th. The whale soon came up
again to show the old man got his eye glass
& after looking a moment pronounced it
a humpback. Saw tails & kept the
ship for some again & go back to the
watch again. they must have been a
growing. if you will see a right
whale and I will show you one. After
looking out the water. It is at present

[illegible]

29th Still the same wind good fair breeze making
about 6 knots per hour. I started ship & am
now making course about $E\frac{1}{2}$ North. our
course should be provided in good fair
wind, W by E. for St. Vincent, has been putting
a head on the cable to make me some
time since. I can assure you it is now
as fancy a looking concern as flow can be
in a Breeze. On Sat. I have already
refused two Villains & a happy family.
I am a strong person in a ~~thorough~~ worth
now I shall be in my native land. & after
sailing off getting at Liverpool by all Royal
means then I may come in another whaling
voyage. I often fish for all night & make
in the while a little party in the way of
gold. But what else I do & where I
stay I am of. I hardly think I shall
hardly I think a day. to I will say I am
& hard head. & perhaps 24 hours out with the
boat pulling for a while & then not yet
L.

Rocky Point May 31st 1857

Sat 30th Commenced blowing in last midnight,
watch in Cook's light, night - on took in
the light sails & this morning
dressed topsails. Hauled the mainsail
& made all preparation for a gale of
2 days length. The barometer, however, fell
but not the last day then it rose & did
for the day - that indicates very
warm weather. Filled up on the last
instead of topm with fresh water.
Blowing at 10 wind blowing about
10 to 12 with a gale of wind. And a
large heavy fog yesterday evening, starting
8 points in the morning for miles off. Thought
certainly we had raised the light - but at
last for the turn of the regular & acted
precisely like a light - but when we
got nearer to him we saw our mistake
Latitude by observation 52° 36'

Sund.

This is the last day of light & sunny
may. But with us light for the day
sunny & bright much had much different
from the first part of May at Rocky
the first part of (last) but night very
much changed to fall in the air & rather
cold. Hail stones came pouring down
in a few minutes at an awful rate.
It is a hard tack the poor sailors
has particularly in their cold salutes
the common sight after night - as we have our
cold & lonely look with the same deep and
sustained cry which we hear, and
with the same strong cheer, which we
hear & which is for only hope.
Our last hour the same dismal moaning
from the winds & the waves, it is one
continuous outpouring of bitter cold, gales of wind
taking us to make the sea, there is no change

10th Dec 1934. Sun 30/12/34
in lower latitudes, there are a thousand objects
to interest our attention. at night the other
things alone would interest you for a life
time. particularly the whale is my last chance at
these high latitudes. Saw at the school
of right whale porpoises this afternoon but the
old mans whales are a disappointment in regard
to Lühmis on the satellite he and I had to
get up and the martingale & try to strike one
of them. Just before 8 P.M. (or 7 P.M.) the boy found
a whale near the shore. He said I saw
the spot & followed it. It was a right whale
and we saw his head & flukes. Then the boy
was all round about it. He was in the
boat. we found out by the whale was
a going to fast to the midland after
pulling for an hour & a half. I was up
the shore. we have arrived long ago.
benefit by seeing this whale & that is
we get 100 as our matches again

month

Took in all sail last night and I had
7 1/2 hours in my gun. This morning we
after daylight the lookout at the ship
spotted a whale by the name of Dick and
the man was the shape of a person
in the ship. I was out. Harold 100
in the sound of the gun. In the air of
a few places you could see the tower
rocks covered with snow. I should judge
they were some 200 ft above the level of the
sea. Just before 8 P.M. the morning match
the bird all did away & I do not
think we have got (about 10 miles
for the first 12 hours. I went away the
morning boat & put a shooting. Death I
feeling all the morning and got up little
I don't. I am now standing in the
U.S. & I should say I was 50 miles
distant. in interest of possible in the

Part 1/2 Ball from 4/15/57

... being a fine day, spent
getting things quiet in the land
in the morning, the things I is
inhabited by the Russians one of the
Barings camp. The phoscut all
together 33° 10' N. 33. or.

The morning the icy band east of camp
is just as plainly to be seen about 3 miles
the main. I was told to be bound to
back Bore this evening. The things & Puckett
& Marshall started for the beach, after
pulling all day long, could find no place
to land the Bore. The consequence was the crew
had to stay in the boats. The 3 officers only
went on & stay only a short time. Shot
no large fur seal, & one of the greatest
sights I ever saw was a large seal
littered around with the immense sea lions
who joined in approaching, moved their
carcasses about as quick & as graceful
after the land seal, if a shot person
was in any way. The rapid marching along
up the beach, & the other things. Ducks
sufficient to keep all hands & a great
long carrying of mussels on, & the
ship. They commenced by the morning
of the day, picking up the things from the land
& the sea. The boat crew, starting again
tapping to the side for the first 10 years & done
their duties, at any time it was not
possible to join them at

And 3/4 the air was bound to the Southward &
entrance. Saw light ships going to day
for the morning, sailing across the water
about 1/2 going. Saw it, & the ship after
a sailing which I watched. The ship for a
while. The ground the party left her course
I went off with things large

Back to the June 6th 1857

Thursth by morning pack. Commenced sailing Sunday
& being very high, before we made half
towed out to Belfast on our way
to and did not refuse main sheet & still
stayed out and worked all hands how ever
I was content sailing & blowing all day

Frith Still blowing a strong gale of wind. Everything
is packed solid. Water all hoisted up to
Decks high. Commenced unstrapping a little
this afternoon. & a very thick fog at night
made us sail

Satth The wind has gone down to a gentle breeze
but the fog is so thick you can hardly
see the end of the jibboom. Hoisted up
this afternoon & on broad sail. The old
man gave out word again to day that we
must be here in more than 24 hours
until we get a whale. so that we are
to stand on regular sea watches again
to night. Saw several fish back this afternoon
& a school of Killies devouring one of them
they eat out the tongue of a whale & have
the rest. Last evening we found a dead
right whale that the Killies had killed
the tongue was all eaten out. His body made
as 100 lbs of oil & some 100 lbs of bone
storing in the ground making about 1000 lbs.
and was ahead from the course we
went to give another fine piece the water
was up at 10

Sunth I had some sport again last night & in
midnight pack. Our worthy shipmate
Bates who came out from home with us
concluded he had had some of the
company that he would get a head out of them
his pet. when he got one caught. & on it
he was very much with him

Back to Baltimore June 1837

five days ago the ship landed about
four o'clock in the forenoon with a light
+ after a great deal of trouble finally
succeeded in getting it made fast around
me of the ship. But the most carefully in
discreet about the other end of the rope was
+ 6 of us got hold of it + and from
that what I said I am able to do. I used
his two men, however, the ship not raised
up until the ship finally struck the dock
right, plunging in + got set down - in trying
to haul her up through the middle of
her at last the steps + the for the
first time commenced to swing out + down +
After he got on the board + came on shore
I commenced consulting with the sailors + the
everybody else but I am the master for the time
I think but as he + I am the last person
to suspect of doing such deeds
Heard a little of all the up + down of
the day, this afternoon is changing to a
light breeze spring up. set of thick fog
again just at dusk. Strong + cold
wind as we have still had much

June 8th

The fog still continues with no wind, + the
if possible a thick fog is more than a
rain storm. For the water is all the while
dripping off the sail + rigging + the
deck. When water is low and a boat
+ I chilled through + if you ever heard they are
capable to get out of the water when in a rain
storm or go under the ground + keep dry
if I ever get back home again I have
made my mind up (if nothing else turns up)
the kind of business I shall follow + I
think by being married + perhaps I
can make a comfortable livelihood without
concerning me with any more
business or other things

Burke Bath June 10th 1837

Wrote to Mr. B. about the mice making some
about 1000. and have now found for Bristol
Bath & the latter most of the mice are now
all of one make last season. The mice are
springing to be a share of Jeff. (the most valuable
particle a value has). that we have a share in
the latter some in less than ten days. In the
morning I saw the ship of Porto Francisco to
day which I saw coming, leading.
It had had 3 whalers this year. The whalers
are departing occurred by taking them to sea
with 400 lbs & they are progressing rapidly. One
of them who did not show it from a better port
before on left was 1000 and was now 1000 lbs
ship, any body may think or vice is it is not seen
the latter's longitude & population. I am quite
proud of my abilities as a teacher. I continue
you with the same I speak with more
I am a teacher. Jacks are not at all path
about. I have now forgotten to mention
a very important matter & that is no wind
a sail this morning just after daylight
about 10 past two. The other watch began on
Deck as usual at 3. The old man has been
suffering very much for two days past
with his toothache. He was up packing the Deck
could not lay in his bunk. The ship was
about 1000 miles off in the 10 hours
the old man told the Board met (Mr. Puchter)
to keep the ship off & he would go down
& speak the ship & see why it was
I found to be the clipper ship Cambridge
9 months out from France with 400 lbs
of oil. we ascertained that they had
a Doctor on board. we found away
the shipboard that of the old man
my old friend & had his tooth drawn
the ship was a splendid
ship inside for the better but not
that could speak English

Wm Burt Patton June 11th 1857
Adopted the contents of Long's report with mod.

After breakfast I got up that night & was
 making the light, standing by the wind.
 Nothing in the shape of the spirit has been
 seen of him since that day. I was just
 now, & I shall not, I think, do any more
 with some of our forest birds & they
 occasionally when the water is in, Drak
 at the night, the shell down in the forecastle
 & got the ship up the sheet. My mother, colleagues
 & shipmate John Canning till the experiment
 at our midnight watch in Drak last night
 I happened down & spent the quarter past
 eleven in some chest. That being had a strong
 hand from his bunk only a few nights ago
 was out in range. So I made the
 rope fast around John's leg & was must
 in Drak & got the whole watch to
 hauling in John's leg. He wanted to
 go on but still got out. They
 had him must hauled up in Drak when
 the rope parted, & down came John by the
 line again. I sat in the forecastle & saw
 it all & I thought I should do with
 laughter.

24. 11.

Your kind words are of great comfort to
 me. I am glad to hear of your success
 in the second dogmatch, & as he seemed
 very still & quiet the old man thought
 it best to leave away the harbour & party
 boats & see if we could not have him
 brought close enough to throw
 the iron, but did not, & after about two
 hours came on board. I am very
 glad to hear of your success in the
 I have had very much to do since you
 I am very much attached to you & am
 ever affectionately yours. I shall
 remain the same. Me of the same of

Back Butte June 4th 1857

Insula is placed in front of the
island is the only habit of the
shore, large and list of canyon
of the valley, passing through the
valley, but not passing through
any land. Cause to be a

Very light winds. pleasant at the time
from the sea, some heavy clouds from
another station last night but misplaced
consequences in the shape of my long journey
Oland, being a day - the first of the morning
morning, started and did not come down in
the presence of the intention of stopping
however. But the first thing he thought of
was, in the land of Oland, & the second
thing was this, that he was trying
to carry his pack & today up to the
Seattle the first of the morning. He to himself to say
the more he tried along at the end of
a day

A fine breeze sprang up in our vicinity
and that in an hour gave us the
use of 8 miles and more. about 6.15
and began to see some sailing a little
so that we were able to keep up
and did not get of the shore. today I try
to get after the others about 7.15
the other side, and on the other side
about 8.15, and then I go to the
main the islands he has seen and
apparently reached. The other one more
as it is said than as a surprise
could I see in a position

Port Palm June 21st 1851

not to put it in a still that he was
a little thing. I looked on his finger
he had it off & said change for a fresh one
& then put it on my hand. I made a party
of our own. I said nothing about it and
I do not want the letter of our strong
up of the fishing & probably I should. Having
a large in a series of pieces of business and
boards of ship. I think if we do not catch
an boat in it. I shall not suffer any with
it. Still there was nothing very to think.

But not all of our business day. As all men
said on, but we are some provisions for
our ship. I am not out as a whole
the whole season. In shall always have
some. If we could only see a boat
to have of our own or catch a whole
how much better all hands would feel.
My leg is sore & stiff to day. It is cut in
6 inches above the knee. I like to return

Today all the day. I have been
accompanied by light. At the end of the
month. I am very foggy & my chest is
bad. Still the steam boat is not out
of the port. I am to believe there is a
great fog and rain. I am not very
low and this afternoon is that we are
high to what I want to say.

Still have much to say. I am very
tired and have had a very bad day. I am
in the light of the day. I am to say
of the fog and rain. It is very
foggy and rain.

Boat & Yellow June 23rd 1857

Monday June 23rd 1857. A most interesting day for the boat. All over the morning I was on deck & at daylight a very thick fog set in, at about 3 am I changed my watch. Blackman got up in the forenoon & saw a light which got 3 ships together, from the ship, Mr. Marshall fell on his back to the main yard, then went down in the cabin, called the old mate & all crew. Then called all hands & lowered away the boats, we were down about 15 minutes & the fog set in so thick, we were obliged to return on board again. In about 2 or 3 hours time it commenced clearing & clouds away the fog, we lowered away again. When on plus 3 whales all together our boat was in the way of them & old Blackman put 2 lifeboats in the water. He took on though the water at a rapid speed, he saw what danger I was in, light along side of the boat & commenced putting the float with his head & stone for so that she pulled very badly. But in the mean time Mr. Stokes had given his old mate word, so that he was sporting blood. We cut our line & got on board as soon as possible with a boat all buckled to pieces & very near as bad, damaged & frozen. The second mate brought the whale alongside of the ship. We had an awful hard time cutting him in, the float above passed & we thought we had him by some but he did not go down & on that another float came in him & got at 10 o'clock at night got the first piece in the harbor, some what small the Portuguese was very much added off the bow of the whale head, to the ground.

Back Belle June 24th 1857

I met with the first cutting it was very much
It has been blowing a gale of wind all
day accompanied with heavy rain. I was
tired and my dear mother I was very
glad to see the last plank joined
over the side of the ship. It is a large plank
+ the old men think will make us fly like
a bird. After finishing we got our supper
for the old boat. And I washed + told the
hands to turn in. + started for the boat at
3 o'clock morning again.

I was felt so sore all day as I did the morning
my arms are so sore today. Some of the
boys. It is my business and cutting in the
place to attend the falls + yesterday. They were
so out + glad that they would take me
up to the village by the river. The old men
kind to assist me that there was no one
around would go the safe + down for the
black rat piece made. Having two arms off
Belle's + for my arm the cables this morning
at 6 o'clock and then they went cutting the
from the head of. I had can't imagine
how close mother was with me. I was
I was out + ship at such times as there
was water still in the creek until I paid to the
my + then I got that last piece up again +
tied it on, each of wood. The rest of the
morning for the ship. While I was
under the rope on the tail. Every one
was so happy.

Altogether we have a whole lot of
that is called the matches that is 4
matches in the old house 6 house for
each match, no day match. I'll bring
you some more. They are

Dear Father June 25th 1837

Every day much better to day I have given myself
a good wash & a clean shave & got in last
year's clothes. You would not have known your
son if you saw him now. I have seen him yesterday
I was nearly black with smoke & dirt. I don't
know if I say it was the accumulation of the week
dirt & so on. I have. Every day I have to
wash & brush as it did before in that way
which I have now and 6 more like this
one. I don't want to see you. I don't want to
stop. Dr. O'Connor is bringing on this afternoon
& before dark it was truly a terrible day. I wish
to say too much. I wish to say too much.

The old man has a store in the house for the
purpose of drying his clothes at a distance
that are sufficiently clean out in the yard. It
is a very good one. If it was not for the
fact that the old man is obliged to wear his
clothes out as he has to see a day's work
without any of them. The old man has but three
shirts to take the place for the past 12 days.
I often go in the house & sit down by the
fire & have a long game with the other men
of the community. To keep down the fire the
men go to the house. It is very good of giving
but some of them only 3 of the 100 dollars
of one of that number. I wish to say too much.

The evening is very warm & clear. I wish to say too much.
The old man is very well. I wish to say too much.
I wish to say too much. I wish to say too much.

The old man is very well. I wish to say too much.
I wish to say too much. I wish to say too much.
I wish to say too much. I wish to say too much.

Part B June July 9th 1857

1st. At 10 o'clock lighted out in the wind
 as the vessel had sprung a leak - Salt Lake
 is about 4 or 5 miles as
 the ship was for the coast and
 out to sea. The men on the schooner
 took to the water and the schooner took to
 the water and was coming light at
 the anchor. The men on the schooner
 were found to be the ship's carpenter
 and the man who was in command with 3
 men in the ground last year. One of the
 men did not call him to come up board
 he is a Polynesian and his name is Manuella
 + but we did not of the captain's order take
 anything but the men, the men did the second
 day, showing the plankton. They said I
 didn't get in the matter but the other
 was the best. We saw for the one man
 and as soon as the old man got up
 jumped up and out to the same
 man, who was up and last night
 + picked up up of our plankton +
 with him. It was a very good one
 since. We saw on the sea that we
 were. Paul C. Ballie they took a ship
 + left is going on. I suppose that
 they had, would, want to take up
 from this, on the shore up with the
 ship + after the other said, I want to
 have a glass window, on the side of the
 + spoke to the Florida people. I saw Paul
 Ballie two captives, with the third
 at board of us, + the man on board
 + the other with his foot and met
 on board of the Florida. I saw a
 girl at flying yellow with all
 I saw. I saw a book of the
 and they gave me some things which I
 was entirely out of. The ship has taken
 me shape and time.

Bank Hill 3rd July 1857

July 2nd I went again to sea. The Florida has
not been out much by calling and with
no luck except for the first 3 days 1857
of time. We have been up about two fathoms
and you can drop your hook. The boat
went out on board of the Florida and
right away after dinner & then went to
land to stay until dark.
We are now in the same ground we were
in many days before that season, but have
not seen any as yet.

July 3rd
The morning the wind was light & breezy and
the sea for a part of day. Set out
about 10 o'clock, went four or five miles to
look about 3 in the morning but could not
get near enough to land to board again
just after breakfast - Once again
then was 7 o'clock, when we gave up
boat and in the Blackhawk started his
carpenter. The whale killed & landed all the
bottom out of my boat. It made the end of
the day very distressing almost instantly the boat
filled with water & went down. Having a
few things hanging around in the cold
water, with 2 large whales looking the same
with their fins & flukes all around. It
was a fearful moment for us. I thought
my boat had come certain where the line
that was fast to the shore got entangled
around my body. I tried to strike myself
but without success. I gave out that I was
foul on the line, & wrapped John Darling
cut it so that if the whale, commenced swimming
he could not take me with him. The boat
about this time came up on top of the whale
bottom side up & Mr. Stiers climbed me
up the side of the boat in safety
- there I got aboard from the whale's head.
The third mate Mr. [unclear] came along as

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3rd Got away pretty early - took us from wharving
matched in his boat & pulled for the
ship. she was coming to us as fast as
she could with all sail set. she took us
on board & we made him but could not
get our frozen clothes off of us without
assistance. This is the first time we
have ever been so fast. Since & the first
time we ever had to wind. & I sincerely
hope it may be the last. we picked up
the piece & old man had them hoisted
on board. old chips is busy mending up the
old boat again. As soon as we got warm
& dry clothes on. we took the starboard boat
& started for the wharves again but could
not get there & came aboard. lowered again
just after dinner without any better success.
went down again about 3 p.m. Mr. Buckton
went to a large cow whale & Bill the
boatster put 2 Harpoons in him. our
boat soon got fast. we held on to him
until 10 o'clock & then cut the lines &
let him go. he ran so fast we could
not get near enough to lance him.
This is the first time we have lowered. & we have
had a hard & long pull. no sleep since
I this morning. Now I will turn in for I
am very tired & sleepy. Don't forget to
thank Providence for our fatherly
escape from a truly fearful death.

24th This is our glorious fourth at home
I can imagine what lively times you are
all having. & I am rejoicing in a vast
expanse of waters with nothing else to
meet the eye except a ship to be seen
by & land. Killed 2 pigs this morning
had one of them for dinner. Besides finger
cake & other fancy goods. Spent the

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The ship was a clipper ship, fast, of the
 fine sailing vessel. The word called him that
 on board. Then we must have and speak
 to some boat with the Captain & the crew
 out of board. Mr. Davis, that is a letter
 to the ship regarding him that they got
 it. I have a letter in my pocket. I have
 the ship is a sailing ship of about
 100 tons. But the ship is not a sailing ship.

Part 3 July 1857

in my ship, and still, some two hours from
land in view of the battery again which
is a Padded to the ship. Shortly after getting
on board the lookout of the boat
singing out that the ship was off a sea point
on the ship, off a small point
across the point of a light-house, but we
did not get within the distance of
the ship it has been dragging on all day
so far and it is coming a very strong
breeze, & there is a very heavy wind
so that it is impossible to pull to
the windward & that is the way the
whale was found. The ship shot a
few seals. Killed a pair of geese also
a whole & found many the point and
over down until I saw boat around
my eye striking it. It had been
out of the water on shore
obviously had one of these seals. I reached
the ship 35 miles to windward before the
the man could come on board. Very few
minutes a sea would come washing in
the boat, so that we were obliged to
the ship. After getting on board we
found eight of the topsails & tugs in
the ship.
It has made a down some but flying
strong yet. Killed a whale early this
morning & sent it on the boat but not
over four miles off the main point of the
our way. The man thought he was
going to windward much faster than
we could pull against the heavy sea, &
we did not know. But the ship's tugs
who was about 100 miles to windward
brought the boat & fastened to the
ship killed him and they were along side
of the ship & cutting him in before we
got out off sight.

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20th March 1857

Capt. Comand trying out the new hole as well of
muzzles. This species making strategy & the
same to day at Lat 35° 30'

m
had to have had no such matter, the major
with trying out as in an hour. I might
scrapping the hole to day. Had to find
at 10 am tomorrow. Capt. Comand is
clipped ship Japan came on board to day

Finished trying out. The water turned up
25 lbs of water per minute and
to dump in the morning. I should not
think ship should get our boat out in
their own net and of this (Japan) could
speak a word of English. I did to sup-
ply food & comfortable living. Give me the
the Ballie in possession to any ship I have
had in board. As yet for good living
after supper and the ship. I took a 10
chandel clipped off to spring. The main board
two, two and more to get to port. I gave
the promise to the last. I have the
it is tested. I did myself but they say
it is now about 200 years since I have
taken any. It is the center on board of I have
ship. It is the main board I have of I have
the first test has been out 12 weeks from the
200 300 lbs of oil

There down to the Captain said it is
down just 200 lbs. They always ship 10 lbs
or 200 lbs for the ship. The quality is all
about 200 lbs of oil

20th
The ship will again make the water
in the body of the ship. I have
to find it is 100 lbs & 100 lbs all up. I have
found my body in the water. All hands at
the water in the water. I have the ship.

I am N. Galtie July 28th 1857

Wed 22nd I have been all over the ship and the
scrubbed the and then lined them off
with salt water. now look as
clean as ever again and are all ready
again for another whaling. This makes no
330 fms the room and now all
ready to set out and then shake out
to canvas and the sooner we reach
the Bays the better it will suit me
think for all day no more bread quarters
wanted. Drifter is busy setting traps for
mice to hold all for the next whale if
it should be and good future to get
good room and pleasant

Thurs 23rd

We are going out of Bristol Bay towards
St. Pauls Island. The ship is
now going in that direction blowing
a strong breeze all day with light

Fri 24th

Blowing a gale of wind accompanied
with rain. The sea is very rough and
the waves are very high. The ship is
now going in that direction blowing
a strong breeze all day with light
The ship is now going in that direction
blowing a strong breeze all day with light

Sat 25th

The ship is now going in that direction
blowing a strong breeze all day with light
The ship is now going in that direction
blowing a strong breeze all day with light

Boat Pulla July 31st
Wednesday. I did not think we should get a
whale as long as the length of a bay
is so wide. Long the whale found
to stick to us like soap. Was just about
from all the morning. I saw all I
could from then, & that is a fresh stock
of Books & now it will show and
I must be in stay of part. All things
in your fresh breeze. I am in a way
now because is all spread. At about
7 P.M. the bay showed me nothing but a light

of

The physics of the day - the whale was coming
out by itself from the water. And it
jumped to be 13 P.M. when I was
had, and with her school from
be in. It stayed by the boat. In the
away the boat. & after a little maneuvering
the boat met with the whale. And
the school then only one whale was
as large and much. The bay was a
see. Half a mile all about together.
After getting the whale right in the ground
I saw him by the water. The whale
not part from the water. So that they
in, the whale the boat up to the water
the whale made some up in the
water so close to the boat that it was
three jumps long. The whale
struck the head of the boat with his
flukes & the boat & the other's claws, but
did not manage to damage the boat.
Now, you can imagine what mile from
the pump if a whale flukes touch
them. I told you that they were
might even if true. I wished myself in
any other place but that boat. I saw
3 whales on a row. We were fast to the
water about 5 hours & Mr. Shaw had the
flukes nearly out of the water the last time.

Dr R B. Smith Aug 27th

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The work was at early last night till three
and some better time up river. Arrived
early as about midnight and the
morning it is blowing a gale of snow
thick fog

5412 Having first thrown in the water and
the paper the old man is very anxious to get
up the windward. And the only way he could
do it is by having a carrying sail strongly
secured down the back of the boat. The
man would about two hours. And when the
sail came up, and the only way, it is put to
be put back at. As long as the ship was
from the ship was all the other hand and
harbour the water. The first one he has
sailed this voyage. He did not expect to
see him again after one hour. And the
same day was not his. The first one
The old man is now the only one to stand
and repeat the water again. Amusing
this night.

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Back to the City 6/25/37

17. 38. and being a part of the
which were at last for the middle part of the
which had a great deal of the same to me
which brought the whole world and good
myself looking and staying at

San Francisco
The mind has been again and again
and some good papers are sent to me
Heard that the paper was yesterday
and some papers were sent to me
I have been very busy and
I have been for all day and a part of
of mind of the whole world to the
day a good deal of the whole world
staying at home.

18. 39. and being a part of the
which were at last for the middle part of the
which had a great deal of the same to me
which brought the whole world and good
myself looking and staying at

19. 40. and being a part of the
which were at last for the middle part of the
which had a great deal of the same to me
which brought the whole world and good
myself looking and staying at

20. 41. and being a part of the
which were at last for the middle part of the
which had a great deal of the same to me
which brought the whole world and good
myself looking and staying at

Sept 23/52

10. I have been 3 times in the House for meals
but did not write. in an amount plenty
in the

Rem. getting in all day for whals men
 Put the gun out on to end for them, and
 got no response in and finally they
 only took a turn and the
 loger had not come the harpoon and
 off went the whale. Very light wind,
 and beautiful weather. Sailed with
 back blowing just as we talked and whal
 since we saw her last 10 ships in sight
 and most of them are trying out

Dashed away our boat & the master went
 at 8 o'clock and I went to the shore but
 was going too quick, so we came on again.
 About 9 o'clock Mr. Stevens said he
 thought he saw a dead whale, some 15-
 miles off on the weather bow. He said he
 thought he saw a place. The crew just
 let an anchor lay up of men to come
 on board of ship. At 10 o'clock Mr. P.
 landed away his boat and started
 for the whale. We got him along
 side of the ship & he began to get up
 off the bottom. We pulled out the best of
 him in an hour and let the net go.
 In the morning the old man went on
 board of the ship & put a gun. The Captain
 of the schooner Weymouth & the schooner, more
 than did not get out through jamming
 until 11 P.M. Wind calm all day.

I had called in the forenoon and the
 afternoon in going up to the old
 Indian square, the walls & were before the
 house. The head, which I saw last
 night, that a cat was found in the

Be. H. 19th Aug 1837

ships up to midnoon of no. 1. I got down
I started a whale and killed him. It was
in my way of going, and they having
with the staff, a piece of the staff
waiting for the ship to come down to them.
The ship's men got into the whale as usual
I then made fast to the boat, which was
supported by the mast. I saw some seals when
the whale was taking down. The boatmen
boat and all nothing has been seen of them
since. I went out for a whale this
afternoon on boat. I got an old Blackman
I let it get me Blackman in the old man
took two turns around the larger head
and the harpoon did not cut away and
that whale and it was the largest one I saw
now. I saw a gamey pretty big French
ship. William Haver who had taken a
whale this morning and cut him in, but
killing the whale I say best, he was killed
by the whale and he injured badly.
I was very thin in regard to the ship
did not have any land at all. I was in the
the Henry Street Stables three times to all
of it.

Mon 17th Strong breeze this morning. It seems as if we
ought never to get another whale worth anything
the other ships are cutting in and trying to cut
all the time. if we could only get a whale in
any certain quantity of time. I suppose among
the boats it was the last time of the year
I was to go to the boat to get the whale
to get a whale & still get one more yet. but
the time has to midday at a flying
rate. The old man has been starved & striped
at the miggins for a while that was for them
to cut their line and come on board
and they did so. they were entirely out
of sight when they did so. they were

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The Baltic Aug 31st 1857

Aug 28 Strong breeze and a rough sea. m. Saw
raised two whales on the lee bow. That
was perfectly still we ran down to within
1/2 a mile and then hauled away the
boat, and boat went on to one of them
the largest whale I ever saw. The boat was
within 6 ft of the fish when the old man told
me to back the boat. Cooper caught
harpens and strange to say neither of them
went in to the whale. Such a chance and
not to fasten. Mr Stevens was sick, m came
on board, and shortly after the third & fourth
men hauled away but did not fasten. If
m had kept old Blackhawk m the boat this
is no doubt but what she would have been
a dead fish. Burying m and standing
on watch. Hauled forth ship's bag^s back
of Mahan R.I. 200 10 months out

Sat 29th Blowing a strong gale of wind and running
back. m came on board to visit and the land
is within 100 miles and the old man is afraid
of land.

Sund 30th Since m has been standing on watch
m has been the fourth man has made the
Starboard watch as Mr Prudden is not able
to come on deck. Last night it was blowing
a gale of wind & m had no sail set. I got
some fresh tapers & Mr Stevens told the Starboard
watch part of them to go below but stand by
for a call if they were needed. When the
watch was called at 11 P.M. only part of
them went on deck. Mr Boyer came to the bridge
and told them all to come on deck. By then
told him the old man told them part to stay
below. He said he did not care what the men
said (Mr Stevens was all night in) they must stay
on deck. They and the others must begin to get
somewhat to come and called them out

Barre Balle Sept 1st 57

Long met up first & struck him a severe
blow in the eye the next moment by the
mouth and killed him. then pulled off
his jacket and dared all hands to
the match to fight him next or like a mad
man. in the mean time I went down
in the cabin and called Mr. Stiles. he
came on deck and called Mr. Payne
some hard names, and told him if you
want to fight. fight me. but the fourth
dickie did not have a word to say
my Stiles told part of them they might go
below. and then he went away and turned in
again. This being Sunday the old man had
not said a word. But I understood
in the morning by will little with them.
I expect the fourth mate will tell him a
pretty tough story. so as to make his side
of the question good. Some eye is all swollen
up so he cannot see out of it. Medicated
down under whole of face, but having
strong standing along on the mind to reason
again, saw plenty of fight what's to say but
it is too tough to sound any more. Boat

Jan 6/57

Slip thing strong on an brating to understand
the old man that 120 miles in a day
to close to the land with the strong breeze
contrary to all of our expectations the old
man had not said a word in regard
to last night's affair. only that first fight was
him right. I found him very weak and
a day or two he will be much better for the
first time in 4 weeks and he has not as
to a whale but the moment he saw the
boat he settled. & he did not start this
time. I think up as the night is over
in that he is better. for the morning
after. I am in the month or two
longer than that 500 miles in a day

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Part B Baltic Sept 2nd 1857

Sept It has moderated down and now is nearly
a dead calm with a very heavy misty
rolling fog the ship's escape under way
towards the north, thick fog all the morning
standing up the afternoon breeze away, fog
is still, but it being dead calm for a while
not get much drifting distance of land. We
shall not in my humble opinion get a whale
until we commence standing ground water
again. I am fearful, had to think
of getting out of there, we are now to
have left took land off my dog, down
under.

Dead calm not a breath of air stirring
The old man has raised a bounty on a
whale, and that is the man that raises
a whale and we get him and bring
him along side of the ship he gives them
two dollars. We have caught about 200
feet of this furrow, a large spring up
the morning made sail.

Sept 3rd This day we were cutting in a large
right whale. Hauled with ship's draper, two
whales also Bay Head 400 lbs. since my
own last haul down & landed the
Leopoldville who was cutting in a strike
the only whale they have got since on sea
her last. Sounder yards came out
not saw a spout for the past day
just before dawn commenced rising, m.

Sept 4th Strong breeze, rain for the wind came
on. M. M. M. named ship's driller and part
silver day and he has got one whale since
in saw her last and the P. T. Dr. tells
the old man intends keeping in company
with them and to go east to the
further to the west.

Jack Fallie Sept 8th 1857

Sept 5th Mr Pucklin is below again not able to stand his watch. Under close reefed main topsail. Having a gale & lying before the wind. In my opinion we shall get no more whales this season and it that the sea there is no question but what we are shal be obliged to come up here again in one month. From this time on - intending to make sail for Samoch island

Sept 6th The Florida & Silver Cloud are no where to be seen. It has moderated down. The sun shines out bright and warm. At top gallantsails are still running before the wind to meet a school of Porpoises came under the bow faster to one of them by Frank but the wind blew out and we did not get the fish

Sept 10th Run under double reefed topsails for some Sunday. It is now moderately down so that Mr. Lane shaven out the tops and set top gallantsails up and standing to eastward & southward.

Sept 11th Jack & Portage raised a right whale. Landed away. The boat a heavy swell on and blowing fresh. got nothing but a wet patch for the sea was so rough in the boat very few men to be seen. Drunking no. Very cheering. This morn. since 10 am. and of the evening about 6 P.M. raised two seals. The old man ran down to this. By going to the house many & bringing the former two this season to the B.D.

Sept 11th The weather is getting much colder. I am almost certain we shall get no more oil this season and I want to have the old man & the boys a cake of tallow all day under the old upper boards.

June 3rd

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Thurs 17

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Commenced looking out of the large hall for
you to fill in the paper.
The new paper has been the first week
the money was not so good.

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Dear Father Sept 20 1853

High as you may think I am ever of. to be
sure it is just off the bar. but it is substantial
and I am certain. Just as I was like the
thunder-bolt, and it is good. I hope to come
again. It is all right for much of a rest
day. I think I have already had a good
night to sleep and a good sleep. but I
have always promised my punishment was
merited. but to mention more is too much
for me. Was all day in your room by Capt
of the S. H. and saw and heard just by the
same side with me.

Thank

My journey began on Sunday night and
before 3 in the morning we had all sail taken
and went off as usual. And until
today we have been having a terrible sea, carrying
away the boatswain's & the boat. And
about yesterday they were making in on the
coast that it was very dangerous to sail from the
forecastle of the ship for the. I had to get
the boat out of the water & I was with the boat
and got off with me. This morning the
sun was bright and clear and the sea was
in sight. Light my eyes and I was made all
well. I had a sail down & a lot of work & many
got through the passage about 3 P.M. I
then and about two miles ahead. I broke
out for water & have been getting things in
ship shape all that got the ship during
the last gale. (the Equatorial gale) as we are
the time the sea is very rough. Now it is
in the mast & bow boat and the ship is very
in the water. The former got back down by
a heavy sea that came washing in and after
dinner at the gal. An as now going to the
ship, as I am in mind & I am with
also of and I am now sailing for
and the two boys are very much at
the same time. I am not sure of it.

Barth Ball Sept 26th / 57

Sat 26th Good strong breeze and fine both yesterday
and to day all our made nothing as yet
to do but as soon as we get in more
weather we shall have to fly around much the
bone & ship all over. The crew the old man
shipped at the island last season the 18th
it might tend to come up here and work
6 months in the old and get nothing for
it as they are taking very much the season
to pay their bills. The John Redford is at
night. Bay at night has been most
the morning light came early at 4.30. she
came up at 5.30 as at 3 the sea our old man
went on board of her. The boat came here
and stayed until 11 P.M. she proved to be the
Clippers Barren Ocean came with 600 bbls of oil the
season just from the Arctic Ocean. I heard some
of the first fiddling and some of the best
the voyage. I took the latitude the noon for
the first time the season. From the variation of 27
course S.E. This season the old man is to
to do up all of his work by 10 P.M. in
port so that he can be done in the night for
discharge some 500 bbls of oil give the crew
this thing and then set sail for Oregon
Sunday

Monday a fine day but it has landed some
what. Light people there are very few
the old man is to be seen with
anything is left. One of the young fellows on the
ship was out of the boat and some time
that he got found the natives of Arru, since
I have not quite a store of curiosities

Monday We have made again with Clippers
the morning. The old man is to do this
evening. They are only 2 days from
the old man. It is not that
the old man. It is not that

Bank Balance Sept 30/1917

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Apr 2. 1844
From the [illegible] of the [illegible] and
then [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible]

Sep 25
 The night of the 25th of Sept
 I finished the book (being the description
 of the various noted persons of the
 time of the late war the life of
 the various persons of the time of the
 war of 1812.

North Pole, Aug 17/27

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Paul & John Oct 21st 1857

Dec 18th The morning after the capture of the
last night - a full day of 9 miles to
be made but not found
by the way to the place, Santa
Luisa

Myself
Have my men, some of which are very
weak. And to the point the road
is so bad so that my horse has been
too far to go, and it is very old and
at what the old man says, please
go to do in some places, but I
will stay & have 2 days in all, and
will be. The place is very old and
I will be in the place in the morning
of the 21st of the month.

Dec 22nd
The morning very strong, but all day
in the middle of the night, 3 or 4 miles away
the main road is very old and
to the place. Lat 25th 30th 30th

Dec 23rd
The morning very strong, but all day
in the middle of the night, 3 or 4 miles away
the main road is very old and
to the place. Lat 25th 30th 30th

My Dear Mother I have not as you
perceive said anything since we have
been lying in Honolulu Bay. The time
has passed off so great in in part
we have been very busy digging oil
and making and sending it as men
main business. Most all of the time must
achieve very right. Some came off as usual
usually Mr. Sand others other and a stranger
I met a friend on the Saratoga. I was with
him most of my spare time. I received
two letters from you and the same number
from Silas which afforded me the greatest
satisfaction. We are laying off and on at
Honolulu the most heavily of these islands
getting fruit. Apples. Potatoes and one fine
Bulb. besides some 20 lbs of sweet potatoes
I am sorry to say our old watch maker Mr
Marshall & John Mats is discharged. and we
have in his place a Mr Reed a fine looking
man. but as yet I know nothing of him. Our
old Blacksmith that came out from Hawaii
with us. has also left us and is going to
be in the John Keralake. I am glad to hear you
are now more at ease. for I am sick of
the sight of these islands. I am old now I have
just come from shore for the last time with
a Boat load of oranges. and now we are
bound straight for New Zealand to cruise
for Right Whales again. I commenced today
to write up the old man's accounts for
him. and I shall not leave the island till
I get a very good store of Books from my
friend Cyrus who is in port. He would like I think
altogether to express a play for a ship's
to be in an particular part that will
to have a play

Paul & Pat's Nov 15/57

Nov 15 I was not actually out of the sight of
land and I can assure you I land
hastily, but of it, as strange as it may
appear to you I think much of my
regular sea-breeze, but I get quite
tired in port. But I like just for a
change. In our little boat, I have been
strolling the day was laying off and on
at Altop. The has disappeared most entirely
and now and then are mostly all the birds
there is only light of us left - that came
out from the Birdland in the ship.
On the morning I was to commence straightening
up, the old man accounts for this.
The weather. But light winds arose S.E. by S

Nov 16 I was busy for the last 3 days in setting
up, ruzzing, and, preparing, the boat
for the whaling business. I am in getting
things in general in ship shape and
I have been getting the old man's boat
straightened for him. We have had very
light winds and direct ahead
the old man and I left my trying to run
our account of my being at sea
in port, and not being at sea
very little. The weather is warm and
pleasant. But the live animals in the
house make a great deal of noise

Nov 17 In my afternoon watch I took all
your letters from my chest and read them
over for perhaps the fiftieth time. No one
can appreciate the pleasure a letter affords
one unless far away from home and all
friends. I forwarded Mayrath's note
to Mr. Bird for my third mate, and what I think
I have from shipping and being in my mother's
house I am writing many of them I have read before

Backs Belle Nov 19th 1857

Nov 18th The water is decidedly warm and we are still unfortunately beset with head winds. I have eaten for many days and nights for the past few days. That they have made me almost dead sick. Still doing nothing in the rigging. Tomorrow I am thankful is wash day. I have not washed a piece since I got in port. and I can assure you your clothes is not our chance. but I am in hopes to remedy that tomorrow

Nov 19th I have a fine morning 23 pieces and am happy to say finally I to my satisfaction have got the horses back and they are coming down strong

Nov 20th Have squally all day under single reefed sails for the first time since leaving port. I am an up for the German whaling ground. The officers have commenced standing watch heads. I have a new and heavy gun now in the forecabin got this while in port. but some of them have quite an antipathy against me. They threatened to haul me out of my bunk and take me on deck. They are these awful carnal Portuguese. Very strong breeze - heading our course on a tangent line S. S. E. Lat about 10° north

Nov 21st and 22nd was hung out this morning from 11th m. stood in for it and beyond about mid night ashore for the purpose of getting fresh provisions. It was one of the American group called the Hawaiian Islands. we got a few good cuts of wood and then stood on for night with a good strong breeze strong full and by

Port Folio Dec 8th 1857

Ind. & Everything goes along as usual nothing to
disturb the daily monotony of sea
life. nothing in the rigging or painting
etc. we are going in at 8 o'clock
and there is an chance of getting plenty
of fruit. The old man still a speig
of every day and we are living high on
roast pork & sea food. Light winds
toward S.E. Lat of South

Jan 1st

The Her was run out from the
mast-head this morning. But she is so
far off it is impossible to make her out
she seems to be steering the same course
as we. she was raised 2 points off
by the ice had some fifteen miles off
our port. Studding sails set and all
on & man but the wind is very light course S.S.E.

Jan 6th

We have now caught up with the sail
on aboast of her. she is about 3 miles
off and the old man says it is the
Bark Janet

Mon 7th

The Bark has dropped anchor and sail
her was run out from the mast
head. going to day we made her
out to be a large ship to sail
Merchantman

Jan 18th

Lead Her was run out from mast
head. It was the island Bryotob. where we
met in and have got a ship load
of fruit, pine apples. Bananas. Oranges
Pappas and many apples in abundance
the wind was laying off and we
are getting fruit. Squashed away
and left the island this morning

Park Lane Dec 20th 1837

Sat 18th Danced with Port Jackson. I went
 on board. They were homecoming from a
 ball all for young men. They had a whole
 band of music on board. We played
 long and danced until nearly midnight
 and then came on board again. We
 wished we were going home with them.
 Sun 17th

Had a very strong breeze since we left
the land. I sighted the island of
Oratogo on Sunday last. The weather
was quite cool rather. It is not at
all comfortable a sailing on, but at
night. But I have not given it up as yet
but shall hang to, in a few days it is getting
so cold. Even busy making the manifest
for the past two days. Strong
breeze up to our routine course. S.E. &
Lat 34° 45'

Sun 20th

I am much obliged to you for the
an making very slow progress towards the goal.
I think I shall get down there just about
the time we shall be obliged to leave for the
Spanish islands. For it is necessary my should
be there by the middle of April. I am
looking forward to the Florida Coast. The weather
is now getting quite cool, so that we have little
to wish. I do expect standing our course
and taking our meals.

[illegible]

Out Bait Dec 25th

In 20th the Christmas has arrived at last
the whole of the day has been spent
in my cabin in hardly being possible that
the day of the year Christmas I have lived
in the sea but it is so I cannot think
with so certainly for the first another Christmas
coming it nothing happens in the air and in
the wind (wind). These words I can assure
you my dear Mother I am very pleasant
to my sons. We had a sea for as
you would call it a pebble for
dinner we got that for all though
we have been having them 3 or
four times a week since being port
Very light winds and fair steady
sails set about 4 o'clock. Several days
but cool nights with a great deal of
Dew falling

Sat 26th

We have had no rain in so long a
time that we are entirely ^{out} of rain
water and the consequence is we are
obliged to do without washing 10 days

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Owl's Palace Jan 3rd - 1835

Thurs Jan 3rd It seems like an age since I have been
able to write in my Journal. My eyes have
troubled me ever since the fall of 1833.
I have not been able to read them to
light at all. In June had two very
many falls. One of them was the small
loose flow in hand seen since leaving Koon.
We saw one. Said a few days since it was
eastward and in fact it was blowing
so strong we could not speak to it.
We are now on the whaling ground, in fact
yesterday we saw 10 or 12 whales for
the first time. It was blowing fresh and
quite cold when we went down for the
first make. Mr Pudgton gallied the whale
and we came on board. Tied up the boat
and got our supper then sailed away
again after another whale. We had our mid
dinner made out on and fastened with good
sight only. The whale sounded twice heavily
and the iron or harpoon drew out. and away
went the whale, we up with our Boat sail
and came on board just sundown 9 P.M.,
saw a Ship on our weather bow. Last night
saw 3 miles off, judged her to be trying out
her take in sail very much and kept a watch
match, regular since Jan 2nd. The old man
has been giving me medicine for my eyes and
I am happy to say they are getting better.
During the last fall Frank Portugal fell
down on deck and broke his arm.

up 8th Jan 8th Sailed with Bark Morn' light 10 whales
down here this season. We have some
4 months. also gained blubber Bark
Silver Cloud. no whale been here since
sailed for whale twice to day without
any success. I am troubled with a severe
pain in my breast. The old man told me
to get in the boat until I got better.

Barth Paltie. Feb 13th 1858

5th 9th morning just after daylight Dick mat
to the beach and he soon found out
he saw something looked like a Dead
whale two points on the sea floor. it was
nearly a Dead calm. so the second mate
rowed away his boat and started. The
Barth Silver Sound was only about 1/2
miles to windward of us. but the second
mate got up to the surface just as
soon as he saw the whale. They found fair Hesperis
in him called Jerry Pire, and about 10
fathoms of line. but they did not get him
about 11 A.M. and had him all cut in by
the 1st P.M.

5th 10th finished trying out last night the whale
has made about 45 lbs of oil. been
sawing almost every day but with no
success. In side and breast pain me very
sorely at times. so that I have not
been on Deck at all to day. Fine weather
but a strong breeze

5th 11th Since Monday last my head has been sticking
to the ceiling with the hope of seeing
whales. but have not seen one since we
commenced sailing. This may except you that
had a Glue Chair fast to him. this
morning I and one Blasket piece
nearly in the Blasket room. on spoke
Barth Chiffardas and she was sitting
in a large whale. I have not been
on Deck since I came aboard. The
Captain and Mr. Stivers and both very
kind come down to see me and on Feb
22nd med a Bay and sometimes two or
3 times. I am taking medicine but it
does not seem to do me much good
but I think I am better than I was
at first

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Park Daltie Jan 25 1858

Sun 17th Dear Mother how I do wish I could see
you once more. I get so seasick, and
I know I am puny and cross, some days
I cannot get out of my bunk at all
I blame the Captain (wrong gally & Rhod)
thinking he does not give me the right
medicines. But it is a very bad place to
be, sick at sea. I do not think I
shall get well until we get in port
again. For the past 3 days we
have had a heavy gale of wind (all)
sail taken in & kept under easy sail. It is now
day tolerably pleasant and there comes three
cold rainy and unpleasant. And I do
not think I can get well until we
get out of it. The second mate has just
killed a porpoise. This makes 10 since
we bring on New Zealand

Sat
Fri 22nd I am still confined with three pains in
my breast side and shoulders. To day for the
first time I have been on deck most of
the forenoon. The sun shines out bright and
it is warm and pleasant. But blowing
strong. we have had reefed topsails at 3
all the morn. And I can assure you
it is very uncomfortable for me lying in
my bunk and the ship rolling. The way she
does. Sometimes I feel as if I would
as soon die as live. But I feel much
better today and I am my hopes we shall
not see any more such bad matters.
Mr Stivers and the Captain are with
me more or less every day and are
very kind, and the same disposition
seems to be manifested by all my
shipmates. I found the weather much more
pleasant, difference with one a bright sunny day
& feel quite smart. But a rainy cloudy day
I can hardly move in my bunk

Part Batic Jan 27th 1838

Sat 23rd This morning the thrilling cry of Three
- Blue - was sung but from the
mast head - and after each watch had
eaten their breakfast they chand away the
boats and started, hoping so that the ship
was under double sail, a topsail and a
main sail was. On account of my illness
I was not able to go in our boat. But the
rest of me of three whales, and Cooper
put me nearboard in him. He had no sooner
done it than the whale killed and struck Cooper
was breaking it in 4 pieces and one of the pieces
killed Cooper - and it was a long time before
he could speak or stir, but Mr Stivers
managed to get the boat up to the side
so that he could lance him, and he soon
killed him. took him along side and cut
him in a fine pleasant day. I was on deck
most of the day. in Lat 56th Lon 134th

Mon 24th

I turned in last night at 6 P.M. and
slept until 7 am this morning. This is a nasty
rainy disagreeable day. But I think I am
getting much better. The Old Man says this
is the fattest whale he has taken this
voyage and thinks it may make 80 lbs
lard that is called a large whale for
a Southern one. I have been lying for two
past weeks on Arrow root - and I am
getting so I like it much

Sat 30th

Another night has passed away and
I am just about the same. a warm
and pleasant day. I go on deck and
feel pretty smart - but a rainy & cloudy
fine I feel much worse. The Captain
calls it some kind of Rheumatism
And among my other troubles I have such
a sore throat - I can hardly speak
It has been blowing a gale of wind

Bark Ballie Feb 3rd 1838

On Wednesday the wind all died away
but a very heavy swell on. They raised
from the Mast Head. Landed away
and killed them both a Cow and calf
the Cow sunk. The mate said it was the
largest whale he ever saw on New Zealand.
The calf they brought along side and cut him
in. The next day a heavy gale of wind
and it washed away the mastsail
and every thing and body was about around
Decks. So day a fine breeze and pleasant
the main to jallat sail set for the first time in
3 weeks. Finished trying four last night and
are stuffing down today. The calf made
about 30 lbs. Two ships in sight off of
the Lee Head

Tues 3rd

Finished with the two ships last night. They
proved to be clippers. Union and Gay. About
the former 6 masts and the latter 1 when they
sailed this morning. We squared the yards this
morning and are now heading the ground
round for Samuick islands with a good
strong breeze. I still am about the same
I do not think I can get much more
out in warm weather. My pleasant day
been on Deck apart of the day

Wed 4th

Been blowing a strong breeze but carried up
topsails all the time. Still being done. Strong
by E in Lat 40. My shoulders and breast pain
not much so that I could not get out of my
blanket. Been on Deck this morning but some
Stivers sent me below again and told
me not to come on Deck when the Decks
were all all wet. The old man talks
of going on at me if the weather is warm.
So this way up north

Wth 10th / 57
Dear C. B. B. I have now been nearly two weeks since
I have written anything to you in my
journal. Since my last here I have
been suffering of any consequence have been
my are all through washing ships
touching our food. And a part of the work
in the rigging is over with
The old man has put up a reward of
\$20 for any one that raises a Spanish
mule and we get him makes no
difference if he does not make but a
little. We have white washed the
fore-castle and cleaned it all out. And
we are now looking very clean.

I commenced standing my watch a few
days ago. But I can do nothing but
stand Mast Heads. as my right shoulder
is still very lame also my breast
I think seriously. If I do not get any
better when we arrive at Parrick island
of getting my Discharge and going in
to the Hospital and try to get cured. I
now rubing coconut oil on the parts
that are painful. not taking any
medicine. It is getting very hot weather
now in Sat-26. The old man talks of
of trying to go in at Stearns island
a day. Two of the Hancock are laid
up sick. one of them with the scurvy

8/27th
Been busy painting ship on the outside
making gun yards sunset. The wind came
drift ahead and we could not reach
the island not in sight. I am getting
now almost as well as ever. so that
I can do my duty. The old man gave
me a regular flouting up this morning. Because
I did not know how to make a punch
net. He had secured 3 of the boys forward
and he left all of us night to run

Part VIII Feb 23rd 1858

now it was And. Mr. Lane quite an addition
to our family. The old son has had four
black specks! The old man nurses him as
carefully as he would a baby

Feb 28th

Had a very rainy squally morn. saw
several waterfowl but none nearer than
a quarter of a mile off so that it caused
us no suppers. The old man has been
laboring to make the Marquesas islands
after being 3 days in good luck in
dispair. and said that his crocodile
was badly out of order. I have been
thoroughly soaked 3 times this morn. and
caught cold getting in my teeth. and my
arms and breast are again lame; in

Later 10th M. Lane saw a good deal
of very sharp lightning for the past 2
nights. I am rather afraid I shall never
be as strong and healthy again as I was
formerly. One of the Rumbas my thought
was dying the other night. he had to get
to first one I ever saw a person have
and I sincerely hope it may be the last.

Head minding and light. All the folks
are busy making fany dresses for
their wives children & sweet hearts

March 2nd

Yesterday Land He was sent out from
the mast head and it proved to be some of
the Marquesas group. The old man had no idea
we were within 200 miles of any land. His
chronometer is some 3 degrees out of the way. and
it took us 3 days in the night. Nothing further
had been as far as being up. The water
we tooked up and stored for 3 days the
land with the intention of going in to get
some fruit to day. but the morning
fog has all this away but we have
seen sight of 3 islands

Part & Partic Mech 18th/58

Mon^{5th} On Wednesday the third we went in
to one of the Marquis islands called
Keofoeva and I never imagined there
was as savage a set of human beings
upon the face of the earth they were nearly
all naked and tattooed horribly, only
half civilized. we met ashore with two boats
many of them were laying around the beach
drinking on agca auite made from the cocoa
nut. we kept close together for they track
for we make up our minds if they could
any of us away from the beach they would
kill us. we got some good cocoa nuts and
few Bananas and poultry. we saw a ship
laying at anchor off of the island we could
not make out who she was.

not make out after dark was
On Thursday little Dick lung out three or four Blows
and there were a very large school of sperm
whales off the lee Island. The second mate
(Mr. Piddington) killed two and the fourth mate
and Mr. Spaulding we got them made
fast along side of the ship just after dark
of food. Boats crew watch all night and Friday
got them out in by 11 o'clock A.M. commenced
trying out in the afternoon. Had to cool
down again at 4 P.M. it commenced raining
and I never saw it rain harder than it
did all that night commenced trying out
again Saturday morning. Had to cool down again
at night on account of the rain. Finished
yesterday the 3rd whale made us stop. Sailed
from Fair Spring out Sail Ho toward the West-
Head. but it proved to be a large rock
and a little further on we saw quite a
large island we now seemed to know the
name of the island. One of the Runabouts ran
among the Hoporea we did not attempt to
hook. Got him. I still continue to have
a good deal of pain in my back with
a dry cough it fastens me down

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Barth Ballie Mch 13th 1858

Sun 14th Been blowing a strong breeze during the past week. We have been smoking ship to get rid of the rats when we took the hatches off and sent down in the hold on 14th some 50 dead ones. All hands fore and aft had to eat and sleep on Deck for 48 hours. I think Dear Mother I shall be obliged to leave the ship when we arrive at Amvick islands for I do not think I could live during another season on the cold Northwest. My cough seems to increase and the pain in my side gets no better I am getting weaker each day and am getting very thin in flesh. I have said nothing as yet to the old man about my leaving at the islands and I do not know as he will be willing that I should; but I intend going to a Doctor and in all probability he will tell the old man I am not fit to go North in the ship.

We expect to be in India in two weeks from this time. We are now in Lat 3 South of the Equator. We have been reaching around here for the past 10 days after Spruce oil. It is extremely warm. I want very much to hear from you all again and shall expect Prof 3 letters will be ready to receive me upon our arrival. We have seen as many as 6 water spouts all at one time in operation within a mile of the ship during the past week. I would like very much to be in the States now for I am afraid this will turn out to be the Consumption that I have. I think if I could have good medical advice I might get rid of it before it got settled upon my lungs. I am afraid it will be a long

Best Bellic Week 23rd 58

Before I shall see my native land
again
June 23rd

We have been carrying sail hard for
for the past week and are now within
4 days sail of home. I saw several
spoils but they are proved to be Himitaks
The old man will not give me my
discharge in the islands for that I am
doomed to go on the cold current
another six months. My cough is not
much if any better I intend getting
some medicine and going to a Doctor
when we get in port.
While eating some hard bread the other
day I broke both of my front teeth
close to the gums. I now try and
keep my mouth closed as much as
possible. All hands are very anxious
to get in for they want to hear from
their friends at home. I can assure you
I am as anxious as any of them. I shall
try and send you two letters upon our
arrival in Cebu and I am hoping to
receive as many from you. The Captain
is expecting his wife is waiting for him
in Honolulu. All hands sincerely wish
she may not be there.

San Juan Hospital April 3rd / 38

Sat 3rd All ready to sail for Honolulu I went
to the Captain and told him I must have
some medicine before we must work. He told
me to wait until we got down at
Oahu. But I told him that I must have it
now. He then told me to go to any of the
Doctors in the place and get some medicine
and he would pay for it. I went to
a Doctor and he after sounding me
soon told me I was not able to go north
and he gave me a certificate to go to
the Consul and get my discharge. When
the Captain came to hear of it, you may
depend he was not in the best of humours.

Sat 10th I have now been in the Hospital just a
week and so far like it very well. There
is some 80 patients here and some are very
sick. But the majority of them look as
well and healthy as any old farmer. The
Doctors visit each ward and I patient every
morning and those that are quite sick
morning and evening. He told me if I
was careful and not caught any more
cold he would soon cure me.
The Hospital is one of the largest buildings
on the island, situated about one quarter
of a mile from the sea side in a beautiful
grove with a large yard and very convenient
for the patients those that are well enough
can walk where ever they like on the island.

Sun 20th I think I am rapidly improving and am
in hopes in a short time to leave this place
for I think it is the most lonesome
place I ever was in. The whalers have
all gone and nothing going on. I think
now of going down to the Spanish Main
and trying my fortune once more on terra
firma.

Lahina Hospital April 25 - 1858

as soon as I can get out of the Hospital
The Captains & Mates are used no better nor
do they get any better treatment than a common
hand. They all sit at the same table no distinction
whatever
For 33rd

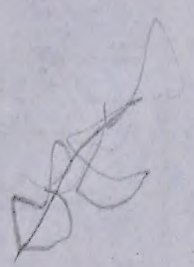
The mail has just arrived and I have sent
down to the Post Office expecting certainly
to receive a letter from you. My Dear Mother
This is a cold blustering rainy day the
only one I have seen since I have been
here. The weather has been very mild and
pleasant. I am getting much better of my
cough and if I can only continue to spend
as fast as I have since I have been in the
Hospital I shall soon be well again.
I sent a letter to you on Monday last acquainting
you with my being here. and I know it
will be a severe pang to you all. But I consider
it my duty. This seems more to me like a large
Boarding House than a Hospital for out of the
whole 80 patients there are only 2 confined to
their beds ^{and} the consumptives all the others
are running around the island in all directions.
They are obliged every patient to be in the
Hospital at 9 P.M. and that and meal
time is the only time you find them all here.

Lahina Hospital May 23rd 58

I have been here now going on two months
and am entirely free from my cough
and must I feel as well as ever
again. It is intensely hot and I am
heartily sick of the place and sincerely
wish I could get away but I
do not expect any chance before next
fall. There has been two of the patients
die since my coming here one with the
Consumption & the other with the Kidney Complaint

Dr. Lumb, Jr
What Clothing J. C. Kauland has worn of his

1 pr Cotton & woolen pants	1.50
1 Wickory shirt	.50
1 Undershirt	.50
2 lbs Soap	.75
2 pr woolen Drawers	1.00
1 pr Denim pants	.50
1 Gauzy frock	2.00
1 pair of Knives & Spoon	.55
1 pair of Chop Knife	.35
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1 pr Balance Due	4.50
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1 pr of Chop	.50
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Day Book

John Lamb Dr to D. C. Garland

1 pr of Shoes	1.00
1 " " do	1.00
1 " " pants of Stewart	1.50
1 " " white shirt	1.00
	<hr/> 4.50

New Bedford Jan 1841
I have found the Spanish main
and as I get in
the United States
America North
of our American
treasurer and President
James R. Madison
one of the greatest of
Birds of a collar
together
A contemptible man
of many minds many
birds of many kinds
of men that cannot agree

Sahaina May 4. 1853.

1	Wm Dutton.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	
	For Cash received of him as Capital				\$10,000 00.
	cc	Cr.			
1	C. C. Marsh.				5,000 00
	For Cash received of him as capital.				
2	Pettis & Roome.	Cr.			
	For Merchandise bought of them on account - J. B. 1.				265 66
2	Hogan & Miller.	Cr.			
	For Meats bought of them on account - J. B. 1.				59 42
3	Hallett & Brown.	Cr.			
	For Meats bought of them on account - J. B. 1				296 36
3	John Stevens.	Dr.			
	For Cash Lent him			\$ 50 00	
3	Hallett & Brown.	Dr.			
	For our Note at six months, for amount of their bill of 8 th inst			296 36	
2	Pettis & Roome.	Dr.			
	For Cash paid them on account.			50 00	
4	Charles Simmons.	Cr.			
	For amount of his bill for Painting &c.				75 40
4	Barclay & Livingston.	Cr.			
	For remainder of Bill				120 22
2	Pettis & Roome.	Dr.			
	For our Note at			200 00	
	" Cash in full			15 00	
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200	—	50
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